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Beckenbauer calls for new rules

West Germany's national manager Franz Beckenbauer has added his voice to the call for more attractive soccer.

Beckenbauer says: "The fact is that the clubs of the world are in debt to the tune of millions of pounds. People spend a fortune on constructive players, then the coaches forbid them to express themselves, they are told to play simple, 'utility' football."

"We are all in the same boat. The situation cries out for concerted international effort to make the game as attractive as it once was for the spectators to watch. Can you tell me what is a tactical foul? A foul is a foul — and there are too many of them in every game to allow the play to flow."

"In my view, throw-ins should be replaced by free kicks from the touch line, 'walls' in front of free-kicks around the penalty box should be banned, and offside should only apply from about 18 yards from goal."

"I think the English idea of awarding three points for a win and only one point each for a draw is an excellent one. It demonstrates that even the conservative Britons are thinking about the future of the game."

Johnston and Bettega but Zico in doubt

Roberto Bettega and Craig Johnston will come to Australia with Udinese it may be but we may not see Zico, for whom Flamengo of Brazil has made a \$US 3 million offer.

Udinese will compete against Spurs, Vasco Da Gama and the Socceroos in a four-team tournament. The Italians arrive in Australia on May 25. Bettega played for Italy and Juventus but lately has been with Toronto Blizzard of Canada.

Even before official announcements about Zico's return to Brazil, television commercials were being made to announce his impending return. It is rumored the announcement will be made on April 14, the day after national coach Evaristo De Macedo puts his World Cup squad together.

"My personal desire is to return to Flamengo," Zico said.

THE MASTER'S APPRENTICE NOW IS NO. 1

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Without Richard Wilson, Philip Traianedes would be nothing. So says Traianedes himself — but it's little consolation to Wilson, twiddling his thumbs while he's kept out of the Preston-Makedonia team by his protegee.

The ultimate irony would be for Wilson to lose his place in the New Zealand national team due to lack of match practice, and for Traianedes to be elevated to Australia's national youth team and, eventually, to the Socceroo squad.

Wilson's competitor in the New Zealand side is Clint Gosling who's playing regularly with Newcastle-Rosebud. They shared the goalkeeping on the Kiwis' world tour late last year. New Zealand meets Australia in the World Cup qualifying series on September 29 and November 3.

Traianedes, 19, is eligible for the national youth team. To be eligible, you must have been born on or after August 1, 1965. Traianedes was born on March 31, 1966. All his Makedonia team-mates rate him the finest young goalkeeper they've ever seen. His coach Bill Murray and Brisbane Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith both have said that he will play for Australia at senior level.

Centre back Bill Piculovski who played in front of Traianedes in Makedonia's youth team last year, also is eligible for the national youth squad, as he was born on August 28, 1966. There is no doubt at all that he's good enough — tall, commanding, fast, aggressive. And Makedonia also boasts Warren Spink (born October 4, 1966) who is expected to be re-included in the youth Socceroo squad after being dropped for disciplinary reasons from the World Youth Championship qualifying series.

Traianedes was voted man of the match against SM-Hellas (1-0) and Lions (2-1) and, before last weekend's round of matches, he led in the "Soccer Action" — Medibank Private Goalkeeper of the Year award.

He was one of seven finalists in the voting for the 1984 Victorian Youth League Player of the Year award, won by centre back Manny Anezakis of Hellas. The others were: Nick Kotsi (Makedonia), Jim Belegri (Hellas), Ivan Smolko (Melbourne Croatia), Sam Greco (Juventus) and George Kalogeros (SM-Hellas).

As a goalkeeper, Traianedes is also a pretty good forward.

He played centre forward for Waverley City from the age of 12 to 14, and for Burwood High School where he didn't want to risk injuring his hands as he had, by then, joined Makedonia. In a friendly match between the Makedonia and Heidelberg-Alexander youth teams a month ago, Traianedes replaced the injured centre forward and scored from a free kick taken by Zarko Odzakovic, who now is with Sydney Croatia.

"It's great fun running around on the field. It's a break from the pressures of goalkeeping," he says.

Traianedes joined Makedonia at the end of 1983 as a result of a game he played for Waverley City against Makedonia's reserve team in the Victorian Second Division. "Gordon Flavell and Peter Ollerton were playing for Makedonia, but we drew 2-2 and I had a good game, although Ollerton drew me into a penalty. Luckily, they missed with the shot," he remembers.

He now takes up the story of his development into the most sensational young goalkeeper in Australian soccer:

"It's all been due to Richard Wilson. If it weren't for him, anything that's happening to me now, wouldn't be happening."

"We train together and from the start, everything he did, I did. I'd ask him why, and he'll tell me. He's always been helpful yet you would have expected him to say: 'No help, chum. You're after my place.'"

"He taught me about attitude. He told me every team has its hard men — those of hard

character who will turn around and tell you you're a bag of shit when you make a mistake. You have to accept criticism if you've made a mistake, but you can't afford to let it knock you over. If you're not at fault, you have to be prepared to stand up for yourself. At first I wouldn't do that, because I was the junior. Now, in the senior team, I hope I've won the respect of the senior players, and they treat me as an equal."

"Richard also told me all about the basics — like positioning of your feet, for example. The quicker your feet react, the quicker you can get to where you're going."

"I've always been naturally athletic, but I needed someone to hone whatever talent I may have had as a goalkeeper. Richard took the raw material and developed it. At 19, I'm just at the start of my career, so I've got a long way to go. You see 'keepers in their prime at anything up to 38 or, in Dino Zoff's case, 40."

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Preston Makedonia, back row: Murray (coach), Cole, Flavell, Dobson, Traianedes, Smith, McMillan, Opasinis, Boskov (team manager). Front: Spink, Dunn, Heys, Lane, Ilioski, Petrov. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

NSL MUST GO BACK TO 14!

The NSL must return to a 14-team format. Interstate rivalry is the only way to spark interest in the NSL and get the fans back to the game.

People are simply fed up with watching the same old faces week in, week out, and the sooner we get back to a one-league set-up the better.

I've come up with 14 teams which would make for a truly top-quality National League. They are:

South Melbourne Hellas, Sydney Olympic, Sydney City Hakoah, Sydney Croatia, Melbourne Croatia, Brunswick Juventus, Heidelberg Alexander, APIA Leichhardt, Marconi, Preston Makedonia, St. George Budapest, Canberra City Olympians, Adelaide, Brisbane.

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Inter Monaro's chief blasts player power

Inter Monaro has too many players on easy street said chairman Laurie Pastrello, last week as he hit out at player power which forced the board to suspend Josef Procop and appoint Frank Macarone as coach.

"I'm bitterly disappointed at what has happened this year. I like honesty, not players who go behind people's backs and say things that should be said up front," said Pastrello (pictured).

"What happened to Procop hurt me. The poor bugger has been offered a coaching job with our juniors and if he doesn't accept it, he has to leave the club."

Board member Barry McDonald also was hurt by the stance adopted by Monaro's star strikers Sebastian Giampaolo, Walter Valeri and Tony Brennan and resigned earlier in the year.

Giampaolo, Valeri and Brennan all went on strike recently, refusing to play under Procop. Now that Procop's been dumped, the trio is back with the club.

people on the board didn't want to get rid of the players," said Pastrello.

"I told the players that I would give all of them \$1 000 a game if they could attract between 6,000 and 8,000 paying customers to our games but as far as I'm concerned we've got too many players who have got it too easy. Okay, so we won the NSW State League championship last year, but even then I wasn't happy. We should have won the league by 10 points. Too many of them are prima donnas!"

The standard of play in the NSL also came in for a blast.

"The standard is very weak. We outplayed Canberra and should have won and we should have beaten Blacktown. Then Canberra and Blacktown go and beat Sydney Olympic. The biggest problem in the game here is that there aren't enough honest people involved."

"I'm depressed by the way some of the players at my club have acted this year. I've looked after these players better than I've looked after my children and this is what they do to you."

Macarone is a former Inter Monaro coach. Pastrello brought him to the club in 1977 from West Woden Juventus. Macarone resigned midway through 1981 and was coaching Croatia Deskin until his return.

By Peter Katholos



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Philosophy of Puskas

Advice to junior players, money, and comparing players of the past with those of today are topics with elicit responses encapsulating the soccer philosophy of the great Ferenc Puskas (pictured).

So what advice has the great man got for the stars of the tomorrow?

"Firstly, love the game and practice as much as possible. Secondly, when you get a bit older, watch your private life. Of course, you can have a drink occasionally and have girlfriends, but always remember to behave in a sportsmanlike manner both on and off the ground. And thirdly, make friends; for they are the most important things you will gain as a sportsman," said Puskas.

When asked whether or not money had spoiled soccer, he replied:

"Money was always an issue but perhaps it was distributed better in the old days. Now, a lot of players are paid far in excess of their ability and contribution."

Finally, how does Puskas compare players of the past with those of today?

"The players of my era (the 1950's) were prepared to learn every day and our whole lives revolved around the game. Today, most professionals will only give as much as is necessary. Maximum involvement is controlled as in industry — 35 hours a month for matches and training in most European countries."

— KEN KONTRA

Soper, Egan or Farina?

One of the fascinating riddles of the Socceroo team is the composition of the attack. In the Frank Arok philosophy it is almost certain to comprise two players only.

The Socceroos will rehearse, during the mid-year internationals, this pattern of play — and they are not flexible enough to switch, later in the year, to a three-pronged attack against New Zealand, Israel and others.

So let's take it for granted that for the rest of 1985 the Socceroos will play with two conventional strikers in what is basically a 1-4-2-2 system — one sweeper, four defenders, three midfielders and two attackers.

This, of course, applies mainly to our away matches — say in Tel Aviv and Auckland — not to mention Glasgow, Madrid or Cardiff — if we are lucky to get that far.

In the home games, especially in the Oceania ties, Arok is more likely to field three strikers, changing his formula to 4-3-3 or 4-4-2 but certainly dropping the concept of a security sweeper (Yankos).

All things being equal — no injury, no suspension — one can assume that one of the attackers will be John Kosmina who is currently the skipper of the team.

Kosmina deserves his 'booked' berth in the team: for some seasons now he has been tremendously consistent, much more so than any of his rivals.

So the question is — who will partner him in the World Cup matches?

It's impossible to read Frank Arok's mind about his team structure; he doesn't select players but whole parts, such as midfielders which fit into his overall concept.

Arok will almost certainly decide first on his midfield before finding Kosmina's partner. And the identity of this man will depend on who's playing behind him.

As Raskopoulos and McCulloch have different defensive virtues, the selection of either of them would almost certainly have an impact on the choice of Australia's 'second' striker.

Also to be considered by the eternally plotting and calculating Arok is the question of compatibility: which player's style is the most easily adjusted to suit a partnership with Kosmina?

There are quite a few contenders, most with strong claims.



By
ANDREW
DETTRE

Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic is probably the hot favorite to get the Arok nod — provided he doesn't suffer from chronic injuries, doesn't have disciplinary problems and doesn't get offside with his club or coach.

Soper, more skilled than most people imagine, is perhaps the most aggressive of our strikers; fast, tall, direct and dangerous.

If he could harness all his talents and forget about his occasional sideways and skirmishes, he could be a permanent fixture in the Australian team.

Dave Mitchell has all the probabilities lost his Socceroo chances by signing for a Hong Kong club. If Arok can't use him in the mid-term internationals, he won't want him in the end-of-the-year World Cup battles.

Next in line of succession could be little Charlie Egan of South Melbourne Hel-



• From top left: Kosmina, Soper, Egan, Farina.

las, a mighty goal poacher, superbly hard worker and ideal team man.

Against Asian opponents, even Israel, his small stature wouldn't be a major handicap.

However, Arok is known to have a weak spot for tall, powerful strikers and I have a feeling that he will use Egan only if the Socceroos play with three strikers, not with two.

Phil O'Connor didn't have a brilliant 1984 tour and he will find it hard to force his way back into serious contention, especially from his non-glamor club, Blacktown.

Young Frank Farina of Sydney Hakoah has been touted as a future star — but he has yet to show that he has the class, apart from the speed.

And speed, as another Canberra idol, Tony Brennan has proved, is not enough on its own, even in over-abundance.

I don't like the chances of the two Browns. Doug, the rotund South Melbourne Hellas ace, has never been an Arok favorite, despite his proven abilities.

Rod Brown, the young Marconi ace, is in much the same mould as Soper and Mitchell but probably ranked behind them and not likely to be called up unless the other two fade from the scene.

David Lowe of Marconi has never impressed Arok. One has the impression that this skilled youngster could expand to Puskas-like proportions from his current frame, which is already a trifle too burly.

Adelaide and Brisbane haven't produced a truly outstanding prospect recently (and what they did produce have been snatched from them...)

Andrew Zinni of Melbourne Juventus seems to have the potential to grow into the national side — maybe all he needs is a chance or two more, on top of his 'B'-team outings of 1984.

So it's going to be Kosmina — and who? My hunch is Soper and perhaps Egan, although the eventual squad will be big enough to accommodate others, too, including some 'surprises'.

Frank Arok knows that the ultimate success or failure of the Socceroos hinges on his strikers.

This, 1985, is the most important year in Arok's long and distinguished soccer career. He is not the type to throw it away casually.



Colin Irwin



Ken Boden

Why Boden quit Croatia

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Former Socceroo striker Kenny Boden has revealed why he left Sydney soccer.

Boden was transferred from Sydney Croatia to WA State League club Perth Azurri for \$3000.

And he was in the Azurri side which notched a 1-0 win over Bayswater in the opening round of the 1985 premiership.

"I was sick and tired of Croatia," he said.

"There is no stability at the club. Coaches come and go quickly and I felt I needed a move. I must have played a dozen matches for them and I had about seven coaches."

"The club's environment is tense and the supporters are too demanding."

Boden is keen to build a new career in Perth.

And he could not have picked a better club, for Azurri is the most successful club in WA.

Azurri does not hesitate in spending big sums of money to obtain good players.

One such player is Liverpool-born defender Colin Irwin, who has moved to Perth after a two-year stint with Swansea City.

Irwin started his apprenticeship at Liverpool together with

current Penrith player Jeff Ainsworth.

Irwin played several First Division games with Liverpool and was twice in the squad that won the European Cup.

For this, Irwin is the proud owner of two European Cup medals.

Another fine import is Hlaw Lake, who played almost 100 matches for Swansea.

IASL kick-off

• The Industrial and Amateur Soccer League of Victoria will kick off its season on Sunday and, according to IASL president Hendy Siwka, 1985 will be the League's biggest and busiest year.

"Through the players, supportive industries and associated ethnic group, the IASL competition is of interest to more than 500,000 Victorians," Siwka said.

New teams for 1985 include: Hallmark Industries, Embassy Taxis, Laminex Industries, Fogular Furlan, Keilor Old Boys, Preston Pythons, Brunswick Ansls, Garden City.

Another Dirceu Lopes to grace our shores?

It took a long time coming but the risk has finally been taken: we are, at last, to see a Brazilian team on Australian soil.

No risk at all, in my view, and those who remember the visit of Cruzeiro in the distant early '70s will, I am sure, agree.

That's how long it is since we have seen the Brazilian brand displayed, in the flesh, in this country.

I well remember the words of Ray Baartz, then Socceroo and then star of Sydney Hakoah who, augmented by Greek guest player Antoniadis, met and were demolished by the Brazilians.

"I was watching his legs as he ran, approaching goal just outside the box. Suddenly the ball flashed into the back of the net, yet I never saw his leg swing for the shot."

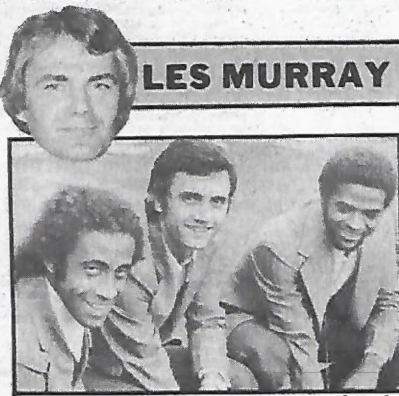
Baartz was referring to Dirceu Lopes, a striker-midfielder of remarkable skills and capacity for surprise, who shone out of all the Brazilians.

Several years earlier Lopes had been the star of another Cruzeiro tour when the Brazilians met Slovan Bratislava at the Sydney Showground in quite the finest match I have ever seen in this country.

What was the point of Lopes' emergence in those tour games was that prior to the first visit practically no one in this country had heard of him.

Cruzeiro had many fine players, including glittering stars like midfielder Ze Carlos, who seemed to strut about with the ball in a samba rhythm, and Tostao, already a Brazilian immortal as central spearhead of the team that won the 1970 World Cup.

Those players did magnifi-



Three of the Brazilian ball wizards who wowed Australian fans in 1973 during Cruzeiro's tour. From left: Roberto Perfumo, Dirceu Lopes and Ze Carlo.

cent things, too. It's just that there was so much collective talent among them that it came as amazing that anyone other than Ze Carlos and Tostao could shine.

On the second tour, in that game against Hakoah, they brought on a 17-year old substitute — Joaozinho, I think it was.

Because his name was such a tongue-twister, and for the magnificent things he did with dumb-founded defenders after he came on, he still lives in the memory of those who watched as "that fabulous number 12".

Whatever happened to him, God only knows.

With touring teams there are always financial risks — and those risks can only be plugged by the assurance that

big name players (Zico, Rossi, Batizpanagis) are included.

The only exceptions to that law are Brazilian teams whose sheer style, and the long reputation they have for weaving football magic with that style, will guarantee success.

That is why the decision to bring out Vasco da Gama is hardly before time.

George Best, currently doing time for assaulting a cop while in a somewhat boozed condition, will of course long be remembered for his skills which rivaled those of any Brazilian.

Those skills are being taught in a series of training videos now available on both VHS and Beta through Thorn EMI.

Now available any foot. It must have been available for quite awhile because the nowadays scruffy and maturing Best looks practically like a boy in it.

Which would probably make him about 28 when the videos were made.

The tapes come in a series of four, each with five different skills and disciplines being taught by the former Man United star.

The first for instance has Accuracy in Passing, Dribbling, Moving off the Ball, The Wall Pass and Tackling.

Other skills covered include Taking the Pace off the Ball, Weighting a Pass, Swerving the Ball and Shooting.

Titled "George Best, The Best in Soccer," each tape costs \$39.95 and has coaching tips on 20 different skills and disciplines.

Need I say that our junior coaches could do a lot worse than show the videos to their pupils — not to say how attentive those kids are likely to be if George Best is the teacher.

Hard on the heels of that immortal 1960 European Cup final between Real Madrid and Eintracht Frankfurt, I am extremely pleased to reveal there is another great nostalgia treat coming up for viewers of World Soccer on SBS.

It is the magical, or so I hear, semi final between France and Portugal, played during the European Championship Finals last June.

It is not exactly archival footage, but then readers of the British monthly, World Soccer, recently voted the second best game played in the modern era.

The match should go to air some time in June, around 12 months after it was played.

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Ageing warhorse back in battle

By LAURIE SCHWAB

OK, so Footscray J.U.S.T. is in the relegation zone after a disastrous start to the season, and in utter desperation, it has dragged Jim Kondarios out of retirement in a bid to stop the rot. But things aren't as bad as they may seem, says Kondarios, 33, who forsook soccer last year to work on his 11-acre property at Plenty, past Greensborough.

He's been told by the club's hierarchy that a striker who played in the Yugoslav First Division will arrive soon to help boost the team.

And J.U.S.T. might not have been in its present plight had it not been for injuries to Vlatko Belic, Emil Petrov, Branislav Jovic and others, Kondarios says.

"Young fellows like Tapia and Lazopoulos have a lot of talent but they've been lacking confidence. They've been needing to win to lift them, and we need a bit of experience in the midfield. Maybe they've lacked a bit of fighting spirit as well."

But he agrees J.U.S.T. has made mistake upon mistake over the years. We remind him of 1977 and 1978, when coach Cedo Cirkovic was trying to mould young players into a team with a long-term future, only to be foiled by the committee which decided to get rid of Mendo Ristovski, John Nicolaidis, Joe Palinkas, Joe Picciano etc. Then came the year when J.U.S.T. bought heaps of players and only one of them — Slobodan Jovanovic — proved to be any good. Next came the switch to a British-style team, and now the return to the continental approach — a turnover of more than half the team in one year!

Although Kondarios makes no excuses for those mistakes, he does point out that J.U.S.T. has coped magnificently with getting itself out of financial trouble and that things will improve in the next few weeks.

Kondarios, 33, was born in Greece. His first club in Melbourne was Parkville AEK in the Sunday League, where he played left back as a 16-



Jim Kondarios (centre) with his trophy as J.U.S.T.'s Player of the Year in 1978. He's flanked by Joe Picciano (left) and Slobodan Jovanovic.

year-old. After a year, he switched to Croatia where he advanced from the under 18s to the seniors. Here's how the 1970 Croatia side looked after Kondarios' elevation from the reserves: Mike Kovacek — Ray Wixey, Bobby Symington, Hugh Gunn, Jim Kondarios — Brian Williams, Jimmy Mackay — Williamson, Billy Vojtek, Bill McIntyre, Ivica Turicac.

When Croatia was expelled from the VSF in 1972, Kondarios moved on to newly-promoted State League team Kellor-Australia, where he was top scorer two seasons running, although playing at centre back. Next stop was J.U.S.T. where he now starts his 10th season.

He left J.U.S.T. in 1983 however, to join Cedo Cirkovic at Fawkner in the State League. Cirkovic had coached Kondarios at J.U.S.T., and of course is back there now.

"I left J.U.S.T. because I didn't like what was happening under the new coach, Bobby McLachlan," Kondarios says.

"He was bringing in players he thought would do the job for him, while getting rid of guys like Mendo Ristovski and Zokkie Ilioski who were better than those he recruited. Zokkie's always been a bit of a mouth, but he doesn't mean people any harm. He's just honest, and he says things straight to your face. After we'd lost to Green Gully one time, Zokkie told McLachlan it was because of McLachlan's tactics, and after that I don't think McLachlan liked him anymore. Anyway, they sold him to Macedonia."

"At Fawkner, the attitude was different to what you find in the National League and I didn't really enjoy it. I lost interest, and I quit at the end of 1983."

"During the night series this year, Cira (Cirkovic) saw me a couple of times, and invited me

down to training. I surprised myself because although I'd been away from soccer, I pulled up quite good — although I was injured in my first match, against Croatia. I'd been working very hard on my property at Plenty — clearing the land, doing the lawns, fixing the house, getting around on the tractor . . .

"I felt a bit nervous in the first game back. I was marking Gary Ward, and he didn't seem to do as much work as he used to when he was a winger with Macedonia. But then, there weren't many good players at all in that match. I'll play this year, and if I do OK, I might keep going."

Kondarios says his best defensive partnership was with Jim Kriaris. They played together at J.U.S.T. for about five seasons. In the State team, he partnered Arthur Xanthopoulos of Hellas and, for a while, Peter Vaughan who was with Mooroolbark and Juventus.

He remembers his game against Olympiakos of Greece. He was one of the guest stars in the Hellas team that met the Greek tourists.

Olympiakos won, but Kondarios wasn't impressed. "They disappointed me," he says. "They were whingers. They kept saying: Come over to Greece and we'll show you how the game is played. I said: 'You're here now — show us now. They were just childish. When they got a penalty against us, they were begging Mike Galakos to come and take it because none of the others were game!'"

He has a few funny stories about experiences with the Victorian team — most notably one concerning Ristovski and a waitress in Noumea . . .

His first game for Victoria was as Steve Walker's defensive partner against Glasgow Rangers in a 1-5 loss in 1975.

The team was: Jack Rellily — Mike Pye (Jim Tansey), Walker, Kondarios, Andy Kazi — Mirko Rujevic, John Gardiner, Jimmy Mackay, John Wallace — Billy Vojtek (Jim McRobert), Branko Buljevic.

Then came games against Benfica (0-2), Noumea (3-0 and 3-2), Australia B (1-3), Velez Mostar (2-2), South Australia (1-2), Tottenham Hotspur (1-3), Bologna (0-4), Italian Army (1-2), Atromitos (1-1) and, after a one-year absence, Dundee (2-1) — a total of 12 games.

He also played for Australia B against South Australia, under coach Jim Shoulder, and scored a goal in that match. Rudi Gutendorf also had him in camp with the Socceroos.

Coach Hermiston in state squad

Former NSL Player of the Year and new Brisbane City coach, Jim Hermiston, has been named in the Queensland Squad to play New South Wales at Perry Park on Anzac Day, April 25.



Jim Hermiston

Hermiston, 37, is one of seven players picked by Bruce Stowell in his 16-man squad who have not played National League football this season.

Lions, National Conference semi-finalists last year, dominated the squad with nine selections, while the out-of-form Brisbane City provided only two players.

The seven non-NSL playing selections include young Soccer Leaguers Danny Wright, Wayne Evans, Steve Jackson, Alan Hunter, Alan Niven, Russell Stewart, John Stewart, John Ogden, Richard Basingthwaite, Danny Wright (Lions), Kim Wishart, Alan Reis (Brisbane City), Jim Hermiston (North Star), Glen Archer (Grange-Thistle), Michael Cernaka (Olympic United), Ron Millman (IP-swich United), and David Wheller (Coaststars).

Queensland won the first of the revived interstate clashes 3-0 in 1983 but lost 0-2 to the Blues last season.

The appointment of Hermiston as the Brisbane City NSL Coach has put Stowell in a difficult position. Hermiston was picked in the Queensland squad after a series of faultless performances in the pre-season with Premier League club North Star and a brilliant display as captain of the Brisbane side in the clash with Ipswich last week.

But following his coaching appointment, it seems his playing career with North Star is over and it is hard to see Hermiston playing again before April 25. But Stowell, who knows there is no better sweeper in Queensland, said this week Hermiston would stay in his squad, "unless there is any reason he can't remain."

The selection of 35-year-old Millman, who last played NSL regularly with Lions in 1982, was generally expected as he still is the most effective finisher in Queensland. Proof of his continued good form was his winning of the Rothmans Medal last season.

Millman now is set to win his 14th state cup and become one of the state's most capped players.

RICKY ROSSO

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Macleod hopes, Hakooah gone?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg-Alexander's transfer-listed stopper Don Macleod was hoping to join Melbourne Croatia this week.

If the deal goes through — he will cost about \$12,000 — Macleod probably will play against West Adelaide Hellas at Olympic Park on Sunday. Croatia also hopes to sign striker Bogdanovic and goalkeeper Gabric from Yugoslav Second Division club Split.

Meanwhile, Ante Ljubic, who arrived two weeks ago from Yugoslavia, is expected to make his debut for Croatia in attack, and Robert Markovic also is available, having

resolved his difficulties with the club.

With defender Aki Kotzami-chalis yet to come back after injury, Croatia now has one of the biggest squads in the country. Govic, Kunje, Antolovic, Curcio, Parton, Haman, House, Ward, Ljubic, Markovic, Cristaldo, Juric, Sabljak and perhaps Macleod, not to mention Bogdanovic and Gabric as possible additions.

Marconi is having the same injury problems that Brunswick-Juventus had last season. With Bruce James, Joe Rizzotto, Peter Shorne and Peter Treddinick all missing, Marconi also has lost Craig Mason who'll be out due to a knee injury when Marconi meets APiA in the Italian derby at Lambert Park. But despite the injuries, Les Scheinfulf's men have remained unbeaten so far — and I wouldn't put it past them to gain at least another draw, although APiA looks much stronger.

George Cross remains Ozzie Latif and Roger Bain from suspension and possibly Noel Mitten after injury, and the way "George" has been snatching results lately, I wouldn't rule out the possibility of a draw with high-flying Make-

Sunday's NZL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SOUTHERN DIVISION
FOOTSCRAY JUST v. Brisbane City at Schinler Reserve, 3 pm.
MELBOURNE CROATIA v. West Adelaide Hellas at Olympic Park, 3 pm.
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Green Gully at Olympic Village, 3 pm.
Sunshine George Cross v. Preston-Makedonia (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.
Adelaide City Juventus v. South Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.
Brisbane Lions v. BU-Juventus (draw) at Richlands, 3 pm.

NORTHERN DIVISION
SYDNEY CROATIA v. Inter-Monaro at King Tomislav Park, 3 pm.
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Penrith at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.
Wollongong v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Wollongong Show-ground, 3 pm.
APIA-LEICHHARDT v. Marconi at Lambert Park, 3 pm.
BLACKTOWN v. Newcastle-Rosebud at Gabbie Stadium, 3 pm.
CANNERRA CITY OLYMPIANS v. St. George Budapest at National Sports Centre, 3 pm.

donia — especially at Chaplin Reserve.

Zarko Odzakovic really is firing for Sydney Croatia, having set up two goals against Budapest last Sunday and in combination with Jim Patikas, Graham Arnold, Zelko Jurin, Marjan Kovacic and powerful Bruno Vidale — not to mention Vedran Rozic — Croatia look far too talented for Inter Monaro. The game features the appearance of Emil Dragicevic against the club with which he trained for so long, without being able to get a transfer from Yugoslavia. It's odds-on however, that when his stint with Inter Monaro is over, we'll see him in Croatia colors.

Footscray JUST should gain valuable points against Brisbane City at Schinler Reserve, due to the added bite provided by Emil Petrov and Vlatko Belic who are over their injuries, and Jim Kondaric in defence.

Green Gully has been disappointing lately, so I can't see much hope of a result against league leader Heidelberg-Alexander whose striker Stuart Stevenson still is building a reputation as one of the most exciting players in Australia.

Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson labelled as "rubbish" and "garbage" his team's performance against Inter Monaro. Has one of the bubble burst or will Australia's perpetual champion re-

capture its flair against Penrith?

And what about Ian Hunter? Once one of the most promising young players in the country — in fact, he was the captain of Australia's youth team — Hunter has found it hard in recent years even to command a first-team spot. At Penrith, it's or die for him — or at least it should be!

St. George Budapest is waiting for Steve Green from Western Australia and Trevor Morgan from Bourke in England. In the meantime, Frank Arok's men look doomed to defeat against Canberra Olympians, whose midfielder Tommy Sermanni is in outstanding form.

Youth games

This week's Victorian Youth League games, with likely winners in capitals:

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. Croydon City; MELBOURNE CROATIA v. Frankston Pines; HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Green Gully; SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS v. Preston Makedonia; Fawkner v. South Melbourne Hellas; Nunawading City v. BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS.

NORTHERN DIVISION

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 2 (McQuarrie 80th, Jones 87th) CANNERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 2 (Harkins 13th, Phillips 19th) at Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 1,587. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Gosling 7 — Maier 6, Owens 8, Boogard 7, Thompson 5 — McQuarrie 8, Senkalski 6, Kerby 6 (Mason 59th) — Stewart 7, Brandt 7, D. Jones 8, Coach: Willie Gallagher.
CANNERRA CITY OLYMPIANS: Franken 7 — Ontong 6, Harkins 8, Byrne 7, R. Jones 6 — Mihailides 7, Sermanni 8, Bryant 6 — Lamond 7, Phillips 7, Gibson 6, Coach: Roy Thompson.

INTER MONARO 2 (Brennan 66th, Dragicevic 76th) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Farina 11th, Gomez 30th, Barnes 71st) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd: 965. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

INTER MONARO: Hocking 8 — Gaget 7, Budini 7, Santolin 6, Tittles 6 — Willox 7 (Brennan 59th), Carbone 8, Dragicevic 8 — Giampolo 6, Valeri (in), C. Ambrosio 25th, 7, Thannides 9, Coach: Frank Macaronne.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 7 — Cant 6, Robertson 6, S. O'Connor 7, De Marigny 3 — Kay 7 (Barnes 65th), Watson 6, Gomez 8 — Farina 6 (Rodriguez 73rd), Kosmina 6, Lee 7, Coach: Eddie Thomson.

PENRITH 3 (Hunter 56th, Ainsworth 61th, Easthouse 60th) WOLLONGONG 0 at Cook Park. Crowd: about 800.

PENRITH: Gibson 7 — Brogan 7, McIntosh 7, Ainsworth 9, Cross 6 — Hebb 5 (Hunter 35th), Campbell 7, Toohy 7 — Wotherspoon 8, Jackson 7, Licata 8 (Easthouse 60th), Coach: Willie Wallace.
WOLLONGONG: Verdine 8 — Green 7, Dickson 7, Willis 7, Condon 7 (Brodnick 60th) — Bundalo 6, Hristovski 7, Kerr 6 — Godzik 9, Kotamanidis 7, Giannone 7, Coach: Adrian Alston.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Lewis, penalty 88th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Toal 89th) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd about 3500. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

GREEN GULLY: Dennis 8 — Murray 8, Carroll 6 (McKenna 80th), McLelland 6, Young 5 — Smart 5, Lloyd 7, Vassallo 7, Williams 5 — Lucchesi 7, Lewis 5, Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Middle Park. Attendance 3500 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7, Blair, Yzen-dou 7, Postecoglou 8 — McDowell 7, Crino 7, Halford 6, Murphy 6 — Brown 7, Egan 8, Ous 8, Len McKendry.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 6 — Jackson 7, T. Redmond 7, Hunter 9, Niven 8 — R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 6, Tonner 6 — Anderson 7 (McGregor 86th), Cairney 7, Wright 8, Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Middle Park. Attendance 3500 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Cullen 5th, Incantalupo 34th, Petersen 60th) FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Sofilovic 8th, Tapai 49th pen) at Olympic Park No. 1. Attendance: 1500 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 7, Brown 7, Dowie 7, Campbell 8, Incantalupo 8, Petersen 7, Wade 7, Cullen 9, Sweeney 7, Zinni 7, Coach: John Margaritis.

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	3	2	0	9	2	8
STH MELBOURNE HELLAS	3	2	0	9	5	8
MELBOURNE CROATIA	3	1	1	9	3	7
PRESTON MAKEDONIA	3	1	1	8	5	7
B'WICK-JUVENTUS	2	2	1	7	6	6
Sun. George Cross	2	2	1	3	3	5
West Adel. Hellas	2	1	2	5	5	5
Brisbane Lions	2	1	2	4	4	5
Green Gully	1	2	2	6	4	5
Brisbane City	0	2	3	2	7	2
Adelaide City Juventus	0	2	3	5	12	0
Footscray JUST	0	0	5	4	12	0

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	4	0	1	15	7	8
SYDNEY CROATIA	3	1	1	11	7	7
CANNERRA OLYMPIANS	2	3	0	9	5	7
MARCONI	2	3	0	9	7	7
APIA-LEICHHARDT	3	0	2	9	8	6
Sydney Olympic	3	0	2	4	3	6
Blacktown	3	0	2	5	5	6
Penrith	1	2	2	5	4	4
Wollongong	2	2	3	10	15	4
St George Budapest	1	1	3	4	5	3
Newcastle-Rosebud	0	2	3	5	10	2
Inter-Monaro	0	0	5	4	14	0

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STILL EGAN

Stuart Stevenson of Heidelberg-Alexander, Phil Traianedes of Makedonia, and Gary Phillips of Sydney Olympic have drawn closer to leader Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

And Graham Arnold of Sydney Croatia now is only three goals behind Egan in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award.

Top vote-getters:
14 Egan (SMH)
20 Bryant (Can)
19 Honeyman (WAH), Stevenson (Hb)
18 Phillips (SO)
17 Maxwell (ACJ), Traianedes (M)
16 Hunter (BL), Deankovic (M Cr), Gomez (SCH)

Top scorers:
8 Egan (SMH)
5 Arnold (SC)
4 Jankovics (M), Farina (SCH), Lewis (GG)
3 Stevenson (Hb), House, Ward (M Cr), Kosmina (SCH), Gomez (SCH), Spink (Mak)

MARCONI 2 (Brown 18th, Bottalico own goal 78th) BLACKTOWN 1 (Bottalico 66th) at Marconi Stadium.

MARCONI: McPherson 7 — Carter 6, Henderson 6, Calderan 8, Sterry — Gray 5, Mason 6 (Reid 4th), Orine 7 — Lowe 6, Brown 8, Gunning 7 (Genc 75th), Coach: Les Scheinfulf.
BLACKTOWN: Hoare 7 — Skellern 6, Wheatley 8, Pointer 7, Bourke 7 — Selvaige 8, Thornthwaite 7, Knight 9 — Bradley 6, Larkin 5 (Bottalico 5, 46th), O'Connor 5, Coach: Casey DeBruin.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6 Knight (BL), 5 Brown (M), 4 Calderan (M), 3 Wheatley (BL), 2 Selvaige (BL), 1 McPherson (M).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Phillips pen 15, Soper 81st) APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (Morsello 80th) at Pratten Park. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

OLYMPIC: Lontos 6 — Johnston 5 (Kalanitzi 69th), Theodorakopoulos 7, Lambropoulos 6, Jennings 7 — Phillips 8, Raskopoulos 7, Svinos 6 — Soper 7, Koussas 5, Katholos 6, Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

APIA: Catlin 5 — Spina 6, Rowden 6, Bertogno 6, Brown 6 — Butler 7, Hamilton 5 (Mariani 84th), McCulloch 7 — DeCeglie 5 (Colaguri 68th), Caban 5, Morsello 80th, Coach: Fil Bottalico.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6 Phillips (SO), 5 Jennings (SO), 4 Butler (APIA), 3 Soper (SO), 2 Theodorakopoulos (SO), 1 McCulloch (APIA).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Cotton pen 38th) SYDNEY CROATIA 3 (Arnold 45th, Vidale 70th, Patikas 77th) at St George Stadium.

ST GEORGE: Greedy 7 — Skeen 8, Ratcliffe 6, M. O'Shea 6, J. O'Shea 7 — Green 5 (Barton 6, 46th), Stone 8, Botanic 7 — Slater 6, Koczka 7, Cotton 6 (Morton 72nd), Coach: Frank Arok.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse 6, Batic 7, Rozic 9, Vidale 7, Rezo 8 — M. Kovacic 8, Odzakovic 10, Patikas 8 (Tomasic 87th), Savor 7 — Jurin 7 (A. Kovacic 89th), Arnold 6, Coach: Vedran Rozic.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6 Odzakovic (SC), 5 Rozic (SC), 4 Skeen (StG), 3 Patikas (SC), 2 Stone (StG), 1 Rezo (SC).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Konstandopoulos 88th) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Tasios 10th) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: about 3200. Ratings by Allan Crisp.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8 — McGregor 8, Brown 8, Matichuk 7 (Konstandopoulos 73rd), Henrich 9 — Atsialas 7, Scott 8, Manou 9, Panagis 7 (Genikas 83rd) — Price 7, Konstandopoulos 8, Coach: Neil McGachey.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 — McKie 7, Angele 7, Yankos 8, Marley 8 — Valentine 7, Selemidis 6, Tasios 8 — Winn 7, Stevenson 8, Patterson 8, Coach: Brian Garvey.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Manou (WA), 5 Yankos (H), 4 McGregor (WA), 3 Stevenson (H), 2 Scott (WA), 1 Brown (WA).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Bromfield pen 62nd) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Ward 81st) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1823. Ratings by Ricky Rosso:

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Mengotti 6, Milovanovic 8, Wilkinson 7, Bromfield 7 — Fabrizio 7, Hamilton 6, Junna 5 (Chapman 59th) — Cairney 7 (Scriffings 68th), Glockner 7, Reis 7, Coach: Jim Hermiston.

MELB CROATIA: Runje 7 — Curcio 7, Parton 7 (Juric half time 7), Antolovic 8, Haman 9 — Deankovic 8, Gajovic 7, Cumming — Biskic 8, Ward 8, House 6, (Cristaldo 76th), Coach: Dom Kapetanovic.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Biskic (MC), 5 Deankovic (MC), 4 Wishart (BC), 3 Antolovic (MC), 2 Milovanovic (BC), 1 Ward (MC).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 4 (Spink 64th, Cole 78th, Ilioski 80th, Smith 44th) ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Villani 30th, Rankin 55th) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 8 — McMillan 8, Dunn 7, Dobson 7, Opasins 6 — Ilioski 5, Flavell 5 (Heys 61st), Lane 5 — Spink 6 — Cole 6, Smith 6, Coach: Bill Murray.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 7 — Donnelly 7, Flounders 7, Nyskoush 8, Cecere 7 — Santrac 7, Villani 8, Northcote 7, Maxwell 9 — Rankin 7, Mullen 7, Coach: Edmund Kretz.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Maxwell (AC), 5 Traianedes (MA), 4 Villani (AD), 3 Rankin (AD), 2 Nyskoush (AD), 1 Flounders (AD).

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Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

TRAINANDES (3) (Makedonia)	ROZIC (1) (Syd Croatia)	HUNTER (1) (Bris Lions)
AINSWORTH (1) (Penrith)	MANOU (1) (WA-Hellas)	MAXWELL (3) (AC-Juventus)
KNIGHT (1) (Blacktown)	ODZAKOV (1) (Syd Croatia)	CULLEN (1) (BU-Juventus)
	GODZIK (1) (Wollongong)	THAMNIDIS (1) (Inter-Monaro)

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The tour will start on August 20 and return on September 11.

The 16 finalists will be drawn into four groups. These matches will be played in Yere-

van, Minsk, Baku and Tbilisi. Tourists will stay about nine nights in one of these exotic cities.

Two teams from each group will advance further, into the quarter-finals, to be staged again in the four cities. The semi-finals will be held in Moscow and Leningrad and the final on September 7 in Moscow.

The draw for the groups will be made on April 27 — and one can only hope that Australia's rivals won't be the toughest teams.

So far only Australia, Hungary, Eire, England, Spain, Bulgaria and the host USSR have earned the right for a spot in the finals; the other preliminary group matches are still in progress.

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Man of the match:
CHRIS MANOU
(WA-Hellas)

WA-Hellas 1 Heidelberg 1

Scorers: Tasios 10th, Konstandopoulos 88th.
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: about 3200.
Referee: Jim Rossis 8.

Rookie Hellas coach Neil McGachey's gamble of making two late substitutions paid off in the shape of a valuable home point in this entertaining game.

With 11 minutes left Heidelberg led by an early Steve Tasios goal so McGachey replaced central defender Les Matiscak with Nick Mousoulis.

Four minutes later he introduced Mike Genikas for John Panagis.



WA-Hellas forward Gary Price slide-tackles Heidelberg's Socceroo sweeper Charlie Yankos. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

The two newcomers were thrown into the front line as McGachey risked a heavier loss by dispensing with one of his central defenders and playing only three at the back.

The switches worked as Genikas almost scored with his first touch before George Konstandopoulos notched the dramatic equaliser.

That goal stole a point from Southern Division leader Heidelberg and kept West Adelaide's unbeaten home record intact.

Earlier Heidelberg had looked a worthy leader with Charlie Yankos dominant at the back, Ian McKie and Steve Marley determined full-backs and Stuart Stevenson, Scott Patterson and Steve Winn a threateningly lively strike force.

But Heidelberg did not allow for the persistence of man-of-the-match midfielder Chris Manou, who tackled with the dexterity of a bulldozer, but passed with the skill of an artist.

Manou had willing allies in Alan Scott, Steve Scott and the ever alert Konstandopoulos.

while Tim Brown. Brenton Hiern, Ian McGregor and Matiscak kept things tight at the back.

Hellas was disadvantaged by the absence of injured skipper Graham Honeyman, who must have further x-rays on his injured left foot this week, and Youth Socceroo squad member Theo Stamatelopoulou, another training casualty.

Both teams squandered scoring chances, with Steve Atsialas responsible for two glaring misses for Hellas, while Steve Winn blew a late chance to regain the lead for Heidelberg.

The Easter Sunday outing almost counted as a home game for Heidelberg which had rousing support from an enthusiastic cheer squad who had travelled all the way from Melbourne to lose their voices.

It was encouraging for Hellas to wrest a point from such a talented outfit as Heidelberg. There was a further boost and hope for the future for Hellas coach Neil McGachey with his players once again proving their versatility.

Man of the match: ROB CULLEN (B. Juventus)

B. Juventus 3 JUST 2

Scorers: 1-0 Cullen 5th, 1-1 Stojilovic 8th, 2-1 Incantalupo 34th, 2-2 Tapai 49th pen, 3-2 Petersen 60th.

Venue: Olympic Park No. 1.

Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 6.

Cautions: Dowie (B.J), Zinni (B.J), Incantalupo (B.J), O'Donnell (F), Brown (B.J).

Juventus had to rely on two dicey decisions to win a game it should have romped away with in the first half.

Juve's third goal had an element of doubt about it while Footscray planted the ball in the net for what appeared to be a legitimate third goal only for the linesman to immediately flag for offside.

But while Footscray will consider itself unlucky not to get anything out of this match, it was only Juve's poor finishing in the first half that kept the side in the game until the final minute.

Robert Cullen broke through after a clever dummy from Joe Sweeney over Fab Incantalupo's cross in the 20th minute but put his final shot wide.

Incantalupo then had a shot punched away, a header saved,

ZARKO TURNS IT ON!

Man of the match:
ZARKO ODZAKOV
(Syd. Croatia)

St George 1 Syd. Croatia 3

Scorers: Croatia: Arnold 45th, Vidalic 70th, Patikas 77th; St George: Cotton pen. 38th.

Venue: St George Stadium.

An inspired display by Melbourne import Zarko Odzakov highlighted Sydney Croatia's 3-1 win over St George.

Odzakov thrilled the 5,856 crowd by setting up two goals and crashing a shot onto the cross bar.

It was a complete turnaround from his disappointing game against Sydney Hakoah the previous Sunday.

Odzakov said: "The first week I was unsettled. It was my first game with the club and I did not want to do anything wrong in front of our own supporters."

"This time I was quite happy and enjoyed the game immensely."

St George opened the scoring in the 38th minute through striker Roy Cotton.

The Saints were awarded a penalty by referee Jim Reeves after Croatia goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse had impeded winger Robbie Slater.

Cotton sent Woodhouse the wrong way with a well directed low shot.

Odzakov set up the equaliser with a cross from the left, a minute into first half injury time.

Saints' Socceroo goalkeeper Terry Greedy unwound for a save but striker Graham Arnold was on hand to knock the ball in to make it 1-1.

The second session opened with Odzakov pressing forward to give Croatia the upper hand.

Cotton got in close with a great piece of skill in the 65th minute but failed to score and after Cotton's attempt Croatia came streaming forward.

Stopper Bruno Vidalic moved from well inside his own half in the 70th minute, passed to Odzakov and took the return pass to hammer it past Greedy.

Nine minutes later, striker Arnold powered up the left wing to play a cross-field ball right into the path of midfielder Jim Patikas.

Patikas gained control at the second attempt to angle the ball into the St George net. Greedy missed it, but for all that, he was Saints' best player on the night.

Was Zinni offside for Juve's winner?

By PETER DESIRA

Sweeney controlled a good cross from Andrew Zinni and had time to place his shot but fired straight at Dennis Boland in the 40th minute.

Then it was Zinni's turn, running onto a Paul Wade through pass only to have his shot blocked.

In between all these chances, Juventus hit the lead twice only for Footscray to peg back at 1-1 and 2-2 before Mike Petersen finally scored what turned out to be the winner.

Juve broke the deadlock after only five minutes of play with Cullen slamming home from four metres following a backheader from Sweeney.

Footscray took only three minutes to level with Milan Stojilovic catching John Dowie in possession and breaking clear to plant the ball past Yacka Banovic.

Eddie Campbell and Sweeney figured in the build-up for Juve's second goal in the 34th minute and Incantalupo applied the finishing touch shooting from a narrow angle from the left past Boland.

Footscray levelled for the second time four minutes into the second half from a penalty converted by Ernie Tapai after Brian Brown handled in the area to stop a hot by Brian O'Donnell.

The third Juventus goal came on the hour mark with Zinni appearing to be at least level with the last Footscray defender as he ran down the right to collect Wade's through ball before sending a centre



Rob Cullen

save off a shot from O'Donnell to protect the lead.

The victory maintains Juve's gradual climb up to a challenging position in the Southern Division.

On the other hand, the defeat worsens JUST's plight at the bottom and the club must now pull out all stops to strengthen the side before the club falls so far behind that it will be high on impossible to climb away from that dreaded last spot.

SOPER THE SAVIOUR

Syd. Olympic 2 APIA 1

Scorers: 1-0 Phillips pen 15th, 1-1 Morsello 50th, 2-1 Soper 81st.

Venue: Pratten Park.

Marshall Soper performed a life-saving act once again, snatching the winning goal for Olympic nine minutes from the end, only seconds after Tony Morsello had equalised.

But Olympic held sway in midfield, where little Gary Phillips turned in yet another man-of-the-match performance. Getting monotonous, isn't it?

Olympic had been given little chance by the upstarts, because, let's face it, Olympic looks a somewhat makeshift team compared with its 1984

side, Nick Theodorakopoulos, for example, is in the back four, whereas he played up front or in midfield last year; Gary Meier is missing, and Peter Katholos is being used in attack instead of midfield.

But APIA just didn't fire. Newcomer Jim Hamilton still has not settled properly in midfield, while Tony Caban and Rob DeCeglie both were under par up front.

APIA retains its place in the top top five, ahead of Olympic only on goal difference.



• Sydney Croatia is running hot! Here are the men who helped humble St George Budapest last weekend. Top right is Graeme Arnold, bottom right is Bruno Vidalic and Zarko Odzakov is at left. His outstanding display against Budapest earned him a perfect 10 rating.

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SM-Hellas midfielder Gary McDowell powers past a sliding challenge from Mike Tonner of Lions. Picture: JIM McEWAN.

Super subs strike

Man of the match:

JEFF AINSWORTH
(Penrith)

Penrith 3
Wollongong 0

Scorers: Hunter 56th, Ainsworth 60th, Easthorpe 80th.
Venue: Cook Park
Crowd: about 800
Cautions: Toohey (P).
Referee: R. Lorenz (S).

Goals by substitute strikers Ian Hunter and Randall Easthorpe spearheaded Penrith City's 3-0 win over Wollongong City.

All the goals were scored in the second half when Penrith attacked with great determination. In the first half there were chances for both sides, with Penrith striker Brian Jackson shooting high in the sixth minute and Wollongong midfielder Phil Kerr hitting the post in the 33rd minute.

Hunter came on for midfielder Bobby Webb in the 39th minute and inspired the Penrith front line in the second half with a hard running performance.

Hunter opened the scoring in the 56th minute with a left-foot shot following a strong run through the centre by sweeper Jeff Ainsworth.

Four minutes later, Ainsworth made it 2-0 when he met the ball in the goalmouth following a corner which was flicked on at the near post by Penrith midfielder Don Campbell.



Jeff Ainsworth

Wollongong had no answer to Penrith's second half performance and in the 80th minute Penrith made it 3-0 when Easthorpe expertly chipped Wollongong goalkeeper Natch Vardareff to score. Penrith coach Willie Wallace was pleased with the win — his side's first of the season. "We played well today and we should have been ahead with the chances we had in the first five minutes," Wallace said.

"It was a more organised performance, although we were unlucky with our two losses in previous weeks to Blacktown and Leichhardt." Wollongong coach Adrian Alston said his side should have made more of the chances it created in the first half.

"We threw the game away in the first half when we were the better side," Alston said.

SM-Hellas 0
Bris. Lions 0

Venue: Middle Park
Referee: Jim Fearn 8
Crowd: About 3500
Cautions: Jackson (BL)

Down Middle Park way it's very hard for supporters to be pleased unless there are goals and points on the board come 5 pm on Sunday afternoon.

After this scoreless draw, South Melbourne Hellas president Jim Diamantaris lamented the loss of drive the team is experiencing in midfield since the departure of Alan Davidson.

Doug Brown said he can't explain the abuse he's getting from supporters as he feels he's working harder in spite of not getting among the goals.

Coach Len McKendry fired a rocket at Brisbane Lions saying defensive sides are killing the game. Brisbane Lions and other clubs that cannot compete should get out of the league, he added.

Against that backdrop, the only smiling faces were aboard the Brisbane Lions bus which left for the airport with coach Gordon Arrowsmith praising the commitment of the team overall and in particular the performances of Alan Hunter and Alan Niven.

"No one seems to be going forward the way Alan Davidson did from midfield — and we're not going to score goals until that happens," was the way Jim Diamantaris saw it.

Doug Brown, now sporting the early growth for a beard, said, "I don't know why the

supporters are getting on my back. I suppose it could be because I've been top scorer for two years and they expect me to keep hitting the back of the net.

"It's not as if I haven't been trying — I seem to be hitting the bar every game. I've been working a lot harder in the past two matches.

"In Charlie's (Egan) case everything he's hitting is going in — the chip he made over the keeper (which ended over the bar) was the first chance he didn't convert this year.

"But overall the important thing is that the team is still unbeaten in the league so the supporters shouldn't have too much to complain about."

Meanwhile in the white corner, it was no holds barred for Len McKendry as he dished out the blows at Lions' defensive tactics.

"In three games (v. Juventus, JUST and Lions) we've played against eight men back — it's getting beyond a joke. One day I'm going to try leaving eight of our men in the back keeping the ball and not move, then see what happens," McKendry said.

"We should get sides like this out of the league before it ruins the game. I'm sick and tired of it — unless the sides are strong enough to compete, they should get out.

There's no way they're going to win the championship playing the way they do — you've got to score goals to win matches."

From where I sat, I didn't think Lions were overly defensive with Clark Anderson going forward often from his deep lying winger's role to



Peter Desira

supply crosses from the right, Russell Stewart offering himself several times on the opposite wing and Danny Wright causing plenty of bother when he received the service up front.

Hellas on the other hand had Egan and Brown fighting lone battles against man-eater Alan Hunter and the rest of the Lions defence. Admittedly Angie Postecoglou worked tirelessly with some magic overlapping runs down the left, and Oscar Crino came to life in the second half.

But even if the match did lack the goals, it was still an absorbing tussle with defences winning out on the day.

Man of the match:
ALAN HUNTER
(Brisb. Lions)

From Gordon Arrowsmith's point of view, it was an entertaining game.

"I'm not sorry with our form," he said.

"It was a tremendous result for our players — they worked terribly hard for it."

"There is a lot of commitment in the team and all the players are self critical to the point that they're the first to admit mistakes."

Lon Hunter's performance of keeping Charlie Egan quiet, after the striker's hot start to the season, Arrowsmith said.

"Hunter is a good talented player on the ground and in the air but I was also happy with Alan Niven who is still among the best fullbacks around but

appears to be taken for granted by everyone in Australia. "I was also pleased with Danny Wright. Considering he was playing his first NSL game in 11 months, he performed extremely well taking the pressure off the other forwards, when the service did come, and he was not scared to take players on."

Wright almost stole the two points for the visitors with 14 minutes to go. He controlled a pass from the right off Anderson and let go a plevrier from outside the box which severely tested Peter Laumets.

Anderson was the other player to come close to scoring for Lions — cutting in from the right to force Laumets into another good save in the 32nd minute of the first half.

However Lions's scoring chances were outnumbered by the number of Hellas's openings.

Egan put Brown through in the 34th minute but Brown's wretched luck continued with his shot rebounding off the bar.

BOTTALICO BLUNDERS

Marconi 2
Blacktown 1

Scorers: Marc: Brown 18th, Bottalico o.g. 78th, Black: Bottalico 66th

Venue: Marconi Stadium
Injury-riddled Marconi maintained its unbeaten record by carving out a workmanlike 2-1 victory over Blacktown City.

Man of the match: STEVE KNIGHT (Blacktown)

Marconi began the match with five regulars sidelined but scored a deserved victory despite losing key midfielder Craig Mason and forward Geoff Gunnung with injuries.

Rod Brown shot Marconi ahead in the 18th minute, but Blacktown hit back with a 63rd minute goal from substitute striker Alex Bottalico.

Bottalico netted again 10 minutes later — but this time deflected an Ian Gray shot into his own net to give Marconi victory.

"It is incredible the injuries we are getting and that's what makes this victory so good," said Marconi coach Les Scheinflug.

"You just can't afford to take six or seven players out of a team."

"Blacktown should have slaughtered us, but we are very happy with the two points."

Marconi now has won two and drawn three of its five NSL outings this season but it is expected to be without powerhouse midfielder Mason for two weeks after he limped off with knee ligament problems at half-time.

Striker Rod Brown was outstanding for Marconi.

Still troubled by the after-effects of a "A" grade cheekbone, he took his goal impressively and led the Marconi line with dash and bravado.

His goal was a fine piece of opportunism. David Lowe beat defender Cliff Pointer and shot well to

force a save from Blacktown goalkeeper Barry Houra. The ball broke loose for Brown to score from close range at the far post.

The absence of Mason gave Blacktown more opportunity in midfield after the break and youngsters Steve Knight and Martin Bourke were particularly impressive.

Knight played a major role in the Blacktown equaliser.

The former Auburn player hit a through ball to John Bradley, who clipped the ball across the area for Bottalico to bundle home.

Blacktown, however, was unable to grasp the initiative and Marconi soon regained the lead.

Martin Driene took a corner on the left, Socceroo midfielder Gray pushed it goalwards and Bottalico, under pressure, deflected it into his own net.

"We had no pace and momentum in the first half but I was pleased with the way we performed after the break."

"The results will come if we keep creating like that."

Hakoah hopeless, says Eddie Thomson

Man of the match:
CHRIS THAMNIDES
(Inter Monaro)

Inter Monaro 2
Syd. Hakoah 3

Scorers: Farina 11th, Gomez 30th, Barnes 71st (H); Brennan 66th, Dragicevic 76th (C).
Venue: Seifert Oval.
Crowd: 965.
Cautions: Cant, De Marigny, O'Connor, Gomez (H); Willox, Thomlinson (H).

Referee: Glynn Davies.

Sydney City Hakoah raced to an early lead but had to settle for an uninspired 3-2 victory over

newly promoted Inter Monaro.

Hakoah led 2-0 after half an hour but in the second half it attacked only sporadically.

Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson was cutting in his analysis after the match.

"It was garbage. We played rubbish," said Thomson.

Frank Farina and Gerry Gomez gave Hakoah its early advantage and the visitors appeared to be cruising to victory.

The substitutes on both sides revitalised the game in the second half.

Monaro's Tony Brennan pulled a goal back in the 66th minute and Hakoah skipper Murray Barnes, who surprised

ingly had started on the bench, nodded in the decisive goal five minutes later.

But Monaro striker Emil Dragicevic headed in an Atti Carbone free kick in the 76th minute to put Monaro in with a chance.

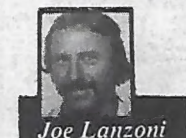
An out-of-touch Baz Giampolo ought to have pulled the home team onto level terms but he underlined his lack of match practice by narrowly failing to convert several second half chances.

Referee Glynn Davies issued six yellow cards — all for alleged professional fouls.

Newly appointed Monaro coach Frank Maccarone was quietly pleased after his first match in charge of the bottom placed side.

"We'll pull ourselves up by the bottom. This is the way we will play," said Maccarone.

Two late goals stun Canberra



Joe Lanzoni

Newc. R'bud 2
Canberra 2

Scorers: McQuarrie 80th, Jones 87th (NR); Harkins

13th, Phillips 19th (C).
Venue: Adamstown Oval.
Crowd: 1,587.
Referee: Gary Warr 6.

Newcastle Rosebud came back from the dead to snatch two goals in the last 10 minutes and earn a point, leaving Canberra City Olympians aghead.

Canberra, like most observers at Adamstown Oval, thought that the match was over as it seemed that New-

Man of the match:
JIM HARKINS
(Canberra)

castle Rosebud never would score.

Then came a glimmer of hope for the locals.

Young Terry Mason, who had replaced Brendan Kirby in the 58th minute, weaved through the Canberra defence on the left. Mason lost the ball a couple of times but sheer determination enabled him to win it again, then he cut it back for Simon Brandt to fire in a first timer which Canberra defender Roy Jones failed to clear and it was 1-2.

Seven minutes later it was 2-2 and Canberra players couldn't believe that they'd thrown away a two-goal lead.

Ralph Maier sent David Jones down the right. Jones cut inside then struck firm left foot drive, sending the ball past Tony Franken and inside the near post. After-match discussions revealed that the ball had taken an awkward bounce and gone over Franken's stretched arms, which did little to ease the pain for the visitors.

Newcastle had started well, with first full NSL appearance, beating Franken with a shot in the 9th minute but Paul Ontong cleared off the line.

Four minutes later, Canberra struck when Jim Harkins' looping header from an Ian Gibson corner, sent the ball over the head of Clint Gosling and into the far corner of goal.

Hilton Phillips made it 2-0 in the 19th minute when he controlled the ball (with an arm it appeared to me) then spun around and hit a great shot from 15 metres that beat Gosling all ends up.

Canberra should have wrapped up this contest in the 43rd minute. Phillips crossed from the right and Tom Serimanni, who had made a great off-the-ball run from midfield, headed over when he should have hit the target.

A minute later, David Jones fired in a crackling shot which hit the Canberra bar and rebounded to Stewart who was off balance and struck the ball

Come on Aussies, come on!

"You can bet your sweet life that when we play Australia win, lose or draw, the Aussies will know they've had a game."

By WALTER PLESS

So says Terry Conley, the Director of coaching of the Canterbury Football Association of New Zealand, about the coming World Cup qualifiers between Australia and New Zealand.

Conley was in Hobart on a business trip recently and took a session with the Tasmanian under 18 squad.

Conley doesn't think New Zealand is as good as it was before the last World Cup and he thinks it will find it very difficult to qualify.

"I would think we'd need to get Wynna Ruter back from Switzerland and we'd need someone to replace Steve Woodin who is out and I can't see us doing that," said Conley.

"We've got the Gisborne boy Colin Walker, up front and he's a very good player."

"I think we'll probably be well organized defensively but the big question is whether or not we'll have the flair to score goals."

"Ruter will do that for us. Last time we had Ruter, we had Woodin and Turner. We may not have any of them this time round."

Conley, who used to play for Hakoah in Melbourne and who coached Christchurch United in the NZ National League for 13 seasons, was disenchanted with the effect World Cup qualification in 1982 had on some of New Zealand's players.

"The World Cup was the worst thing that ever happened to New Zealand in terms of the attitude of some of players when they came back from Spain."

"I had four or five in my team and when they came back they were a disgrace!"

"In the early 70s, players got a bit of money, but that was it — the be-all and the end-all. They played because they wanted to play the game. Now you get players who were with the World Cup team and they want an arm and a leg to sign for you, and they're really not worth it."

There was one positive effect of World Cup qualification, however.

"In terms of the increase in the number of boys who play the game, most certainly, it had a good effect."

"But, 60 per cent of the players that came back to play in our National League, had the attitude: 'Well, I've been there and I've been here and I want this and I want that.'"

"It was bad. I believe the players are asking for more than they're worth and they're not prepared to put anything back in."

"It's changed things dramatically and at National League level the game isn't going ahead all that well."

"The players are killing the game because of the money they're trying to take out of it."



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Cross fans angered by penalty



Chris Taylor of Sunshine-George Cross (right) takes a tumble as Green Gully stopper Stuart Cannell prepares to pounce on the ball. At left is Green Gully's Jim Williams (partly obscured) and Steve McLelland. The picture top right shows referee Sam Zoumas about to caution SGC striker Carl Gilder. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

G. Gully 1 S. Geo. Cross 1

Scorers: 1-0 Lewis pen 88th,
1-1 Toal 89th.
Venue: Green Gully Reserve.
Crowd: about 3500.

Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.
Cautions: Gilder (SGC), Taylor
(SGC), Kastner (SGC), Vas-
sallo (GG), Smart (GG).

Apart from a Paul Lewis
header that hit the
crossbar, and shots by
Lewis and Kevin Lloyd
that were saved by goal-
keeper Lou Kastner, all
the action was confined to
the last two minutes and
beyond.

Lewis scored from a penalty
Bobby Toal equalised almost
immediately and suddenly the
pitch was crawling with
people, referee Sam Zoumas
was being ushered to the dress-
ing rooms by police, and no-
one was sure whether or not
the game had ended.

Zoumas said afterwards he
had blown the whistle to signal
the end of the game after Toal
had equalised but because
there were so many people on
the pitch the players appar-
ently did not hear him.

"They were abusing me and
some were flailing their arms
about but no one hit me,"
Zoumas said.

Some hot-heads among the
George Cross supporters were
protesting over the penalty
Zoumas had given to Green
Gully.

"There was no doubt in my



Laurie Schwab

mind that it was a penalty be-
cause the Green Gully forward
(Lewis) was pushed," Zoumas
said.

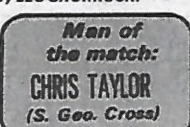
The match had been a stale-
mate for 88 minutes when
George Cross defender Steve
Scerri pushed Lewis from
behind after a move started by
Claude Lucchesi.

Lewis scored from the pen-
alty spot — his 13th League
and cup goal this season — but
George Cross hit back im-
mediately.

Chris Taylor, one of the
better players of the match,
got past opponents on a strong
run down the right and his
cross was brought down and
slammed into the net by Toal
for the equaliser.

George Cross missed three
senior players — Roger Bain
and Ossie Latif, who were sus-
pended, and Noel Mitten who
was injured. Their places were
taken by Scerri, Mick McGo-
rian and Toal.

Lewis was only half-fit due
to a hamstring complaint and
midfielder David Smallman
was left out of the Green Gully



Man of
the match:
CHRIS TAYLOR
(S. Geo. Cross)

team so that Andrew Young
could play in defence.

Scerri marked Lewis from
the start, but Steve Richard-
son had less luck against the
livelier Lucchesi.

With a sweeper and two
stoppers at the back, George
Cross had Taylor and John
Campel pushing up on the
flanks and Taylor did so to
great effect.

Kastner's first saved foiled
Lewis after the ball had eluded
two George Cross defenders,
and then McGorian headed
wide from a cross by Taylor.

McGorian looked set to
score in the 21st minute but his
speed did not match that of
Jim Murray's tackle inside the
box — a tackle that left McGo-
rian wondering what the hell
had happened.

Five minutes after the
break, Murray did the same to
Taylor who was set to shoot in
a melee from close range.

A Lloyd shot was on target
in the 51st minute but Kastner
repelled it. Lloyd got the re-
bound and sent it square to
Lewis whose header hit the
bar.

When Lewis dashed onto a
thoughtful square pass from
Ken Kastner in the 54th minute,
it looked curtains for George
Cross. However, the ball
bounced off Lewis's foot as he
tried to control it, and went
straight to Kastner who had
come out to meet the striker.

Richardson was the cause of
Kastner being shown the
yellow card soon afterwards.
Kastner, preparing to kick the
ball in, was yelling at Richard-
son to move up the field. Rich-
ardson stayed in a full back
position, Kastner kept yelling
and eventually Zoumas
showed him the yellow card
for time-wasting.

In the 72nd minute, Carl
Gilder turned past Stuart
Cannell and prepared to shoot
but Cannell recovered quickly
and his sliding tackle dis-
possessed Gilder.

Cannell was injured in the
80th minute and replaced by
Andy McKenna.

It was a poor match by two
sides which had been involved
in mid-week Cup matches, but
apart from those we already
have mentioned — Taylor,
Murray, Kastner — we saw a
lot of determination from
Willie Vassallo and Kevin
Lloyd in Green Gully's mid-
field.



Bugsy Nyskohus

Makedonia 2 AC-Juventus 4

Scorers: Villani 30th, Rankin
55th, Spink 64th, Cole 78th,
Iloski 80th, Smith 84th.
Venue: Connor Reserve
Crowd: 2000

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.
One has to sympathize
with Adelaide City coach
Edmund Kreft

His team, although still
without the injured Sergio
Melita and Alex Robin, did
everything right, except win
the game.

The score would indicate a
decisive victory for Makedonia,
but in reality, apart
from a 20-minute period in the
second half, it looked a beaten
team, and its performance can
only be described as pedest-
rian.

But to its credit, it clawed
its way back from a seemingly
hopeless situation, and some-
how turned a two-goal deficit
into a two-goal win.

Playing badly, yet scoring
four goals speaks volumes for
Makedonia's finishing power
and aggressive approach.

On the other hand, the often
square defence, non-existent
midfield and one pace attack,
does raise some questions. Ob-
viously these problems need to
be sorted out as no team can
afford to give two-goal starts
on a regular basis.

Really, with more positive
finishing, Adelaide City should
have wrapped the game up in
the first half. And even during
Makedonia's magic 20-minute
spell it had chances but bril-
liant goalkeeping by youngster
Phil Trainees played an im-
portant part in Makedonia's
Houdini act.

Makedonia back from dead!



Ken Konra

Maybe with Socceroo and
Glasgow Rangers star, David
Mitchell in the lineup it would
have been a different story.
Mitchell, of course has to play
in Hongkong until August to
free himself from contractual
obligations with Sydney City,
before he can return to his
home town, much to the
chagrin of Edmund Kreft.

The Juventus coach is more
than upset with Sydney City's
attitude and feels that it is not
in the best interest of the
parties involved to keep Mit-
chell out of Australia.

As he put it: "Mitchell
wants to rejoin his family and
regain his position in the Aus-
tralian squad. Sydney City is
not even in the same division
of the NSL, therefore there is
no conflict of interest there, so
keeping him out of the local
competition can not be just-
ified."

"Sydney City is only inter-
ested in buying success, which
is fair enough, but surely, it
could show more consideration
for others."

Bill Murray is in a much



Man of
the Match:
STEVE MAXWELL
(AC-Juventus)

happier position with regards
to recognised goalscorers. On
occasions, it looked as if he
had too many of them in front
of the ball.

After a fairly tame opening,
Adelaide City gradually gained
the upper hand in midfield,
with Steve Maxwell and
Charlie Villani involved in
everything, with support from
Brian Northcote and Andrew
Santraic.

Zoran Iloski and Gordon
Flavell had little influence on
the game, and Juve had free
players available all the time,
particularly out wide.

In the 30th minute, Steve
Maxwell found Brian North-
cote on the right, and his
through-ball split the square
Makedonia defence, allowing
Charlie Villani to slip through
and beat Trainees with a low
shot to put the visitors in front.

Three minutes later,
Trainees did well to palm Joe
Mullen's header over the bar,
and just before half time the
young keeper confidently
saved Northcote's piederiver
from 20 metres.

At the start of the second
half Adelaide City continued to
dominate and in the 53rd
minute Makedonia was pun-



ished for its lack of attention
to marking players.

Juventus put no fewer than
12 passes together in scoring
its second goal! The final pass
from Joe Mullen found Peter
Rankin completely unmarked
inside the goal area at the far
post, and he had no trouble in
side-footing the ball to the
back of the net.

In the 61st minute, Bill
Murray made a substitution,
which proved to be a match
winner. He replaced Gordon
Flavell with Graham Heys and
Makedonia immediately started
to look better.

Heys provided width, which
had been lacking and, for the
first time in the match, City's
midfield was under pressure.

In the 64th minute, George
McMillan initiated Makedonia's
revival. He overlapped on
the right and his cross found
Warren Spink, who angled his
header wide of Willie McNally
to pull a goal back.

At the other end Trainees
saved brilliantly from Max-
well and Villani shot over the
bar, when well positioned.

In the 78th minute Smith
found Cole with his pass
and the big striker made no
mistake from seven metres.

Two minutes later, Makedonia
hit the front. Con Opasini-
ni's shot was deflected by
Zoran Iloski, with Willie
McNally going the wrong way.

In the 84th minute, Steve
Smith converted Warren
Smith's cross from close
range, and what had appeared
to be impossible was achieved.

What a disappointment for
Bugsy Nyskohus playing his
200th NSL match. As always,
he did his best, only to see a
two-goal advantage thrown
away!

In the closing minutes,
Trainees produced the best
save of the match when he
turned Steve Maxwell's close
range volley around the post.

Schoolboys off to UK

An Australian schools under 20 squad will
tour in UK in January next year.

The team leaves on December 30 and returns on January 23
after playing nine games, including two schoolboy internationals.
The touring squad will be chosen at the Australian Schools
Soccer Federation national titles at Canberra from September 2
to 6. Players must attend the titles to be eligible for selection, and
so they must go through the normal zone, regional and State trials
to be able to play for their State.

Here are the most notable players to have appeared in previous
Australian schoolboy teams:

1977: Tony Pezzano, George Christopoulos, Peter Katholos,
Eddie Krncevic, Peter Tredinnick.

1977-78 (toured British Columbia and the US): Mick Milovanovic,
Danny Moulis, John Spanos, Malcolm McClelland, Charlie
Yankos, Eddie Krncevic, Mike Boogaard, George Christopoulos,
Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholos, Paul Kay, Ian Hunter, Greg
Woodhouse.

1978: Steve Blair, Tim Brown, Tony Radford, Tom Vukovic,
Peter Wilson, Charlie Yankos.

1979: Brett Beves, Steve Blair, Charlie Yankos, Howard Tredinnick,
Gary Phillips, Oscar Crino, David Sken, Grant Lee.

1980: Frank Casaccia, Fabio Incantalupo, Dennis Ivanec,
Chris Manou, Lucio Signore, Slobodan Stojceviski.

1981: Robert Gatlin, Ray Vlastra, Zivko Hristovski, Aydin
Bel, Gary Phillips, Savas Saglam, Jim Kalambolis, Louie Dounis,
Lenny Vial, Feralid Ithan, Paul Tintzins.

1983: Andrew Bernal, Geoff Biscaya, Alex Bundalo, Ibro Cahut,
Chris Hummell, Andrew Leszczynski, Bill Lodos, Nick Papas,
Darren White, Steve Zantides.

Man of the match: RICKY ROSSO

Bris. City 1
Melb. Croatia 1

Scorers: Bromfield pen
62nd, Ward 81st.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Cautions: nil.
Referee: Bill Montevardo 7.

Following the mid-week
sacking of Tony Lowndes,
Brisbane City directors
could have been left with
egg on their faces after their
Easter clash with Mel-
bourne Croatia. Instead
new coach Jim Hermiston
guided the Brisbane side to
a fighting 1-1 draw.

Hermiston fielded a team
similar to those which had
failed to bring results for Low-
ndes, but a fighting spirit
saw the side hit the lead
midway through the second
half.

And it was only a lack of

Man of the match: JOSIP BISKIC (Melb Croatia)

to take the kick, and struck his
shot into the corner.

To their credit Croatia re-
fused to panic after the goal
and continued to play clever
football, with Josip Biskic
proving the most dangerous.
His darting runs down the
right brought panic to the City
defence, which struggled to
combat the winger's speed.

It was a Biskic raid which
produced the Croatia equal-
iser. With Bromfield pushing
forward, and no-one covering,
Croatia won the ball and sent
Biskic on his way — the winger
whipped a low cross into the
middle where Ward, Cumming
and Cristaldo were waiting
and unmarked.

Ward was first to the ball
and amid cries of offside from
the City defence, expertly si-
de-footed under Wishart.

Although they lost Shaun
Parton with a thigh injury at
half-time, Croatia clearly
needed the extra flair of Robert
Markovic and Ante Ljubic.

Man of the match: JOSIP BISKIC (Melb Croatia)

fitness late in the game that
saw City struggle and allow
Croatia to pull back a goal and
return to Melbourne with a
point.

City got their goal from the
penalty spot and through
rather fortunate circum-
stances. Frank Mengotti had
fired in a low cross from the
right which had hit George

Hannah on the arm as he fell
after losing his footing.

It seemed quite an acciden-
tal incident — but not in the
eyes of referee Bill Montevardo,
who earlier in the half had
awarded a City penalty then
turned down a Croatia penalty
appeal also in the first half.

Gary Bromfield was elected

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just before their World
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on October 8.

Iraklis played five games in
Australia last year, beating a
Derwin select team 4-0, draw-
ing 0-0 and 1-1 with Australia
B, losing 0-2 to Australia A in
Sydney and then beating
Australia A 3-1 in Adelaide.

The Israeli federation will
pay air fares to Israel for all
the World Cup competitors
— Australia, New Zealand and
Taiwan — as part of the
agreement under which it
managed to be included in the
Oceania qualifying section.

Australia's World Cup qual-
ifying games are:
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land in NZ
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England ruining the beautiful game

If Pele, arguably the greatest footballer ever, could have seen the rubbish perpetrated by the so-called inventors of soccer on Wednesday night, he would never have dubbed this code of football as "The Beautiful Game."

For nearly 20 years since they won the World Cup, the English have put the shackles on imagination, positive football and attacking skills.

Pele and his Brazilians were the Beautiful Princes of the Beautiful Game, but the English have filled the role of the Ugly Sisters.

Their brand of football, their idea of football, is nothing short of an abomination. Any mug can "organise" a team, as English club and national teams are organised.

Scurry "behind the ball," as the coaching cliché goes, at every opportunity, keep the goalkeeper in action by back passing regularly, and go "for a result" i.e. don't lose.

And still the luncheads who rule football coaching there persist in the naïve belief that the English way of playing Pele's Beautiful Game is the best.

It's all our fault, really. The Irish, the Scots, the Welsh and the assorted Dutch, Argentine and other nationalities have gone into employment with English clubs. If English club football were limited to English players only, the luncheads would be forced to realise just what nonsense they perpetrate as football theory.

One of Ireland's leading sports writers, LIAM KELLY (right) blasted English soccer after a recent World Cup qualifying match between Northern Ireland and England in Belfast. "Soccer Action" reprints it in part because it contributes to the debate now raging about the need to return to attacking, entertaining soccer...



The continued success of English clubs in European competition, taking Liverpool as an example, is due to the excellent quality of the "foreign" non-English players. Dalglish, Souness, Heighway and Rush, to name a few, graced the game in England and kept it alive.

Bobby Charlton, Jimmy Greaves, Bobby Moore, Alan Ball and

their likes could play a bit, too, but they belong to an era when England did manage to win the World Cup. Strange that since their glory days, the English system has proved pathetic in European and World Cup competition.

Doesn't it make you mad that England go to Belfast afraid of their lives, and snatch a goal to

take two points? I wouldn't mind if they deserved it, but they were a disaster on the night. Bobby Robson went for the proverbial result, and instead, found that all his birthdays had come together.

I would not begrudge England the right to qualify, provided when they got there they paraded the positive aspects of their game, not the boring, negative tactics as practised in their stilted League football.

I can take pleasure in any good game of football, at any level, once both teams go out and have a real go at being positive, and try to score as many goals as possible.

You don't see much of that from English-influenced soccer teams, and I include our own Republic side. All the players are schooled in the English way of life, so they don't too easily find their way to goal.

That's why it's refreshing to see Liam Tuohy go to work with his Youths, and watch them get the results their enthusiastic approach deserves. Maybe Liam gets them young enough, before the English disease of fear infects these lads. Whatever the reason, he can inspire them to great heights.

If only our senior team could do the same... Anyway, hearty congratulations to Liam Tuohy and his Merry Men, and may they qualify comfortably for the European Championship finals next year.

In Britain, the TV stations are pumping millions into soccer because they know that "live" football is the coming thing. The only drawback, although they don't seem to realise it, is that the English football served up live is rarely much good; instantly forgettable in most cases.

'Davo' coming home

A stress fracture of a back vertebra has sidelined Alan Davidson for the remainder of the current English season and he'll return to Australia early in May to rest before heading back to England to start pre-season training with Nottingham Forest in July.

Davidson will be in plaster from pelvis to neck for the next 10 weeks.

Since transferring to Forest from South Melbourne Hellas last year, the Soccer star has played 11 league and cup matches.



Alan Davidson



Robert Wheatley

The young Socceros are probably the most internationally known export of Australia's soccer scene, having played in two World Cups, qualified for this year's tournament and caused more than their fair share of surprises.

Who can forget their sensational 2-1 victory against Argentina in 1981, or the inspiring 1-1 draw with England and its accompanying crowd support in the same tournament?

Or what about the win against European champ Scotland in 1983 and the clean sweep in this year's qualifying tournament, all of which have established the team as a threat in major tournaments.

And the young Socceros have spotlighted some of the best talent in the land: Alan Davidson, Eddie Krncevic, Peter Raskopoulos,

Too much, too quick is killing young players, says Wheatley

By STEPHEN DETTRE

David Lowe, Oscar Crino, Steve Blair... the list goes on.

But is the young Socceroo concept providing a bridging gap between youth and senior soccer?

In the past, there has been a distinct lack of incentive for young players to stay in the game.

The young Socceros now provide that, but do we expect too much from the youngsters in return?

There are some who decry the practice of overusing the young stars in National League teams, an occurrence they say can lead to a drop in the form of the youngsters.

One of those who advances that theory is a former young Socceroo, Robbie Wheatley.

Wheatley, with Sydney club Blacktown, was part of the 1981 side, a capable right back who was solid in defence and eager to add depth to the Australian attack.

Wheatley has some intriguing things to say about the young Socceroo concept and the effect it has on the careers of young players.

While he thinks that the youth team is essential in the link between junior and senior football, he feels there is too much pressure on the younger players once they make the young Socceroo team.

"It was really obvious after the 1983 World Youth Cup and then again after the recent series," he said.

"Clubs and coaches are pushed too much by the media into using young players in their first teams."

"After a few good showings such-and-such to be included in the national team or in the first team of his NSL club."

"It's quite illogical," Wheatley said, pressure on young players can become immense.

"They start to feel that the team is relying on them, and that is intolerable for young players who are still learning their trade."

"What happens more than not is that players' form suddenly drops away."

He said clubs and coaches have

to stick to their guns and gradually ease young players into regular places in NSL teams.

"It is easy for any player to get hyped up and to play his heart out in a short tournament, especially when you're playing for your country."

"But it's another matter when you've got to last over the hard slog of a whole league season."

Wheatley believes some players can make the transition straight into the NSL, but most need to be nurtured. He said one only needed to look at the number of former youth teams stars who have struggled to establish themselves as first team players, let alone make their way into the national side.

"After 1981, there was a whole bunch of players who were being hailed as stars by the media, and there were all sorts of calls for them to be immediately included in NSL first teams."

"Some of them did well and established themselves, but others suffered dramatic form reversals."



Former senior and youth Socceroo coach Les Scheinlug presents Wheatley with his trophy for winning the 1983 NSW under 21 Player of the Year award.

"Look at the fortunes of Mark Koussas and Ian Hunter, just to name two."

Meanwhile, someone such as Oscar Crino, who avoided the hurly burly of the NSL, had time to develop and now is a much more complete player.

"We must retain the young Socceros, but we've got to be careful how we treat the talent we unearth."

Wheatley himself admitted that after the 1981 Cup, his form dropped.

"I don't think I developed as much as everyone — including myself — had hoped."

But he said the new season had started promisingly.

"I'm hitting my straps, and I reckon I'm a much more consistent player now."

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LOVE, EAGLES OR CALIES?

Juventus-Pioneer will be the team to beat in 1985.

It won four of a possible five titles last season and its performances in the Michael Taylor Summer Cup last month were impressive.

Coach Ken Morton has retained most of last year's squad — John Charlton, Frank Genovesi and Leon Dario are notable exceptions — and he has added two or three new players who already have made an impact.

David Clarkson, 17, was signed from Rapid and looks like a star of the future, while 24-year-old Queenslander, Warren Whisson, is a real opportunist in front of goal.

"Our early pre-season form has been quite good and, at this stage, I'd say we've got a very good chance of doing well," said Morton.

"Like last year however, we'll never look beyond the next game. That's the most important aspect and we'll take each game as it comes and prepare for that game."

Clarkson, Frank Perri and Bruce Pears are some of the youngsters Morton singled out for praise and he predicted that they would do big things for the club this season.

"The strength of our side is its discipline," Morton said. "I think we play a very patient game of soccer."

"We like to get possession and keep it and build play up and I think we've got the players who are capable of doing that. We've been behind in some of our practice games but we've been able to come back and score a lot of goals. I think if we are patient and we work our openings we'll wear teams down."

An indication of the team's strength is the fact that Juventus has scored in every game it has played for over a year and this should serve as a warning to any title pretenders.

But Morton concedes that his team does have weaknesses.

"We probably have to tighten up on the defensive duties of the midfielders when we lose possession of the ball, and we have to be a little sharper in closing down the man in possession."

These problems are certain to be ironed out early in the season as Juventus sets out on its campaign to retain its numerous titles.

White Eagles are back in the Cadbury State League after winning promotion from the Rothmans League at the first attempt and did exceptionally well last year, winning the title easily and hammering in over 100 goals in the process.

The club was faced with the choice of retaining last season's young but relatively inexperienced side and trying to consolidate this year, or of rebuilding the side and going for the title.

The second option was chosen and

former state Director of Coaching, Steve Darby, was appointed coach.

After a promising pre-season, things have not worked out as well as expected, with White Eagles failing to qualify for the finals of the Michael Taylor Summer Cup competition. But valuable lessons were learned and Darby, holder of an English F.A. Senior Coaching Badge, is unlikely to press the panic button at such an early stage of the season.

Obviously, I'm displeased, because we were defeated but it was certainly a good test for our players," Darby said. "White Eagles decided that no players would actually be bought and that there



Terry Banagan (centre) flanked by Tim Robins (left) and Bernard Siggins.

would be no signing on fees, so we had to get players who were free. So we tried to get a mixture of young legs and older heads and I've certainly discovered a lot about player attitudes from this series."

Only four of last year's successful team have been retained — Neil Morrison, Dave Stoddart, Stefan Sikora and Chris Leszczynski.

New signings include brothers Mark, Andrew and Richard Leszczynski, Bobby Rybak and David Forsyth, all from University; Alan Burton from P.O. Saints; Brian MacKay from Caledonians; Jimmy Kerr from Phoenix; and Mark Johnston from Olympia-WPL.

"Our aim this season will be for a place in the top four, and to be a difficult team to beat," Darby added.

"I think it's going to be a very close competition between at least six of the eight teams. We obviously lack certain players but we'll try to make up for that with organization and enthusiasm."

TASMANIAN SCENE with WALTER PLESS

"Our strength lies in our enthusiasm and in the experience of some of our players."

Darby singled out goalkeeper, Mark Johnston, for special praise. Johnston performed brilliantly in the game against Juventus-Pioneer and he has proven a very useful acquisition.

If all the other newcomers perform as well as Johnston, there won't be much wrong with the new-look Eagles in 1985. Caledonians may have missed out on honours in last season's Cadbury State League but they scooped the pool when it came to individual honours.

Ian Parker, the club's state striker, finished the season as the League's top scorer — for the second year in succession — and won the prestigious Rothmans Gold Medal, awarded to the outstanding player in the state.

Calles narrowly missed out on a final-four spot after finishing the season in grand style, and coach Tommy Wright is determined that his side will do better this year.

New signings include Michael Driessen, a state representative from University; Chris Barrell from Kingborough; and Peter Wallace from Ireland.

"I think we'll have a successful year and we'll be looking to win something big," said Wright.

"I think we're good enough to win the championship but whether we can be consistent is another matter. As the season goes on, I think we'll get better."

"Our strength obviously is up front where Parker and Murrugh are playing exceptionally well, while we've got exciting things up at the back."

Wright is a little worried about his mid-field, especially since the loss of Terry Banagan, and this area will receive a lot of attention in his sessions.

"We've lost the experience and skills of Banagan so if we can make up for it in workrate from Barrell, Schwaiger and Goldsmith we might be able to compensate," Wright said.

Wright's inspiring leadership served the team well last season and he intends to take the field again this year, although he doesn't know for how long.

"I'll probably play the first half a dozen games or so and take it from there, depending on how things go. We've got a couple of good young players who deserve a chance."

"My fitness is fine and I'm feeling okay, so we'll consolidate first and then we might try something different."

Caledonians were the top scoring side in the league last year, but they conceded the second highest number of goals.

If their strikers continue to perform, and if Wright manages to plug the leaks at the back — the acquisition of Driessen won go a long way in accomplishing this then Calles will go close to fulfilling Wright's dreams for 1985.

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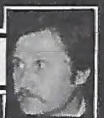
WHAT? NO GOALPOSTS!

NSW State League club Bankstown is on the look-out for a set of goalposts.

Bankstown was supposed to play Melita Eagles at Jensen Park last Sunday in the opening of the State League season and about 500 eager Melita fans turned up to see their boys in action.

But they were mystified when they saw that Jensen Park was bereft of goalposts!

NSW State League
with ALEX VESIC



So was referee Terry Seacy. He phoned Aulden Brown, secretary of the NSW federation and was told that if goalposts didn't appear on the ground by 1.30 pm he was to call off the match. The goalposts didn't appear.

The groundsman reportedly was holidaying over the Easter break and was under the impression that the game had been re-scheduled. Or so the story goes.

Representatives of Bankstown and Melita attended an investigation into the incident held by the NSW Federation last night (Tuesday).

More on the mystery surrounding the dramatic disappearance of Bankstown's goalposts at a later date.

POLONIA 1 (Pop 45th) CANTERBURY 4 (Karyspios 12th, Anagnostopoulos 25th, 61st, Dounis 67th) at Chopin Park, Saturday.

POLONIA: Marcon 6 — A. Colusso 7, Lasek 6, Falzon 6, Cieslik 5 — D. Colusso 6, Sobczyk 8, Pradana 5 — Mahamah 5, Pop 8, Janic 7.

CANTERBURY: Hummel 8 — Antonopoulos 7, Karyspios 7, Pena 6, Hantzis 8 — Anagnostopoulos 7 (Thillipou 78th), Ortega 8, N. Borges 9 — Pettas 7, Dounis 6, Kirwan 6.

AVALA 0 ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at Knights Park, Sunday.

AVALA: Thurlow 9 — Jordan 8, Dobson 7, Lambryk 8, Divani 7 — Brinetta 7 (Anderson 70th), Atlagich 6, Tracey 7 — Carney 6, Jeffery 7, Bratkovik 6 (Lucchesi 70th).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 8 — Blackburn 7, Niko-lowski 2, D. Wilson 8, J. Wilson 6 — Nastevski 7, Pepas 7, Slavski 7 — Ferguson 5, Brown 6, Trajanovski 5.

NARRABEEN 0 SUTHERLAND 2 (Gray 48th, 90th) at Narrabeen Sports Centre, Sunday.

NARRABEEN: P. Dean 7 — Sarge 8, A. Dean 7, Jones 8, Gekkie 7 — Parfitt 5, Atkouts 5, Henley 6, Gale 6 — Van Helden 7, Hodgson 5 (Friend 55th, 5).

SUTHERLAND: Dart 7 — Nelson 7, Dalforno 7, Terry 7, Hesford 8 — Tasker 6 (Beggs 78th), Groomer 6, Rogers 6, Harrington 7 — Gray 8, Hall 7.

URUGUAYAN 0. KURINGAI 0 at Mona Park, Sunday.

URUGUAYAN: Rosano 7 (Taberner 35th, 7) — Jones 8, Fol-ladoso 7, Hasty 8, Krslovic 6 — G. Fernandez 7, Arabelo 8, Cuba 5 — Rodas 6, O'Shane 5 (J. Fernandez 50th), Pagano 7.

KURINGAI: Curtis 9 — Gledworthy 7, Bartram 6, Dobson 8, Kavern 6 — Sutherland 6, Quigley 6, Burke 7 (Dene 88th), Eilam 5 (Hunter 70th) — Bass 7, Nile 7.

FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Richardson 5th) MANLY

WARRINGAH 0 at Corral Memorial Park, Sunday.

FAIRY MEADOW: Young 8 — Chilby 8, Jones 7, Berringer 7, Morlando 8 — Peil 7, Mulbray 7, Richardson 8 — Gerald 7, Baker 7, Fontana 7.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Barker 7 — Doyle 6, Foy 6, J. Dick 6, S. Dick 6 — B. Pagano 6, Etherington 5 (Steven 50th, 7), Campbell 7 — Stuart 5 (Fox 70th), Holloway 5, Murray 5.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Likely winners are in capitals:
MELITA EAGLES v. Narrabeen at Melita Stadium, Saturday, 3 pm.

Kuringai v. Fairy Meadow (draw) at Parklands Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

MANLY WARRINGAH v. Bankstown at Cromer Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN v. Uruguayan at Hurstville Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

Canterbury v. Avala (draw) at Arlington Oval, Sunday, 3 pm.

SUTHERLAND v. Polonia at Seymour Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

HOW THE TEAMS SHAPE UP

Melita

The return of Billy Griffiths and Kenny Wilson, fully fit and ready to play, was long awaited by Melita's strong following. Its chances of success in '85 will also depend on the performance of this duo.

An exceptionally skilful player with uncanny ability to change pace with the shot to match, Griffiths has been the star of Melita Eagles since his arrival at the club. Ray Farrington, the Maltese international and the most faithful servant of the Eagles is back on deck after injury.

Fans will be hoping that his combination with Griffiths and Don Allan, will destroy most opponents.

He had injury problems last season and Melita will be hoping for an injury-free year for him.

Don Allan and Alex Jamieson are the two other players vying for the midfield spot with Lenny Vial, a youngster who could play either midfield or attack.

John McKie, Barry Walker and Peter Hensman make up the forward trio. Hensman and McKie still have a lot of speed while Barry Walker continues to do well in front of goal. With Donny Allan just behind the central striker, it could spell trouble for most State League outfits.

At the back Melita has Pupovac or Giffin to pick in goal. Both are young, with Giffin holding the edge with his experience as a keeper with Bankstown in the State League.

The back four is settled, with Laine and O'Rourke as fullbacks and Kenny Wilson to partner Greg McCoy in central defence. Wilson, playing better than ever, is in the twilight of his career and is sure to give Melita his all in the quest for the title. There is of course Bobby McPherson as well as McAusland to pick from for the back four and that is confirmed by news from Mick Jones, Melita's new coach.

Ilinden

Rockdale Ilinden, the runner-up to Inter Monaro in State League '84 and the grand final winners of the 1985 State League with players galore on the injury list. And the worst aspect of it is that most of them are forwards.

In its last pre-season match against Manly, Ilinden played without its regular forwards. Missing were Jimmy Risteviski, Ross Brown and Branko Karanfilovski. Pece Trajanovski, yet another forward is also on the injury list.

Terry Jones, the player who was the best in the vitriol in Ilinden's success of last year has retired. Billy Pilovski, its star defender, is ailing in injury, Paul Degney has retired.

The picture is certainly not rosy for Ilinden, the coach of Ilinden. He tried hard to sign Glen Jeffery from Ku-Ring-Gai but Avala beat him to the punch. He made some attempts at signing others, but according to the ex NSW representative player — they all want so much money, you'd think that you were buying

Maradonas and not State League material.

Nick Kotzohambos is certain to play and despite his lack of height should prove one of the most valuable players. Steve Blackburn, signed from Bankstown, and David Forester, from Yugal, will be the new fullback combination for 1985. Darren Wilson, Jeff Wilson and Slav Nikolski will be for central defence.

For central defence, Wilson and Slav Nikolski are the most likely combination. The midfield will again be Rockdale's best line. Vince Nastevski and Kenny Slavski are exceptionally talented players. Much more will be heard from those two. Nicky Papas, Con Gardikiotis and Bobby Youssef are also to be considered with Youssef having not only the experience but the strength to get in the side.

In the absence of Branko Karanfilovski, who looks like missing this year's competition with his back injury, Con Gardikiotis could slot into the forward line. Hard shooting Jimmy Risteviski, captain and its most aggressive player, Ross Brown, Pece Trajanovski and Con Gardikiotis will vie for the forward line spots.

Atanosovski and Booth are also in the squad.

"If we had a full side I feel we would give it a light blue colour again in '85. Is it a sign of Sutherland's intentions this year?"

Hall, after considering an early retirement, came back to football last year, shaking a fair amount of success. However, he considered that at Canterbury his progress would be halted by the attitude which reigned among players in 1984.

So far Hall has failed to find the net in the pre-season competition, while Peter Beggs, who returned from Wollongong, also failed to find the net. This is the job that awaits Johnny Lawe in the early matches this year. Create supply for Beggs, Gray and Hall and you are in with a chance of success.

Mark Harrington, Craig Rogers and Nigel Grainger are at present the engine-room of Sutherland but Sutherland supporters are eagerly awaiting the return of Jimmy Webber. This hard tackling dynamo is needed if Sutherland is to shake its old tie. Nigel Groomer and Craig Rogers could end up partnering Webber on his return.

At the back Vic Dalforno has decided yet again against retirement. With Keith Schumann battling injury Dalforno had no option but to come back for another season and in fact finished the pre-season and Ampol Cup outings as the club's top scorer.

Partnering Dalforno in the central defence is Norman

Tasker, last year's midfielder. Mitch Hesford and Peter Terry are at fullback while Nelson remains as a rare luxury on the bench for the Sharks. With the ability to play any position in the side Nelson could play a vital role for Sutherland in 1985.

Watkins, Conner and Hargraves also are considered.

Avala

Look out State League favourites — Jeffery is coming to town.

Not long ago Glen Jeffery was playing in the lower Leagues with Gladesville Ravens. His goal scoring partner at Ravens was Craig Bass.

Spotted by Vic Dalglish, Ku-Ring-Gai's master coach, the twin striking force of Ravens went further north to Ku-Ring-Gai and in its initial season with the club scored 14 goals, with Jeffery bagging 10 of them.

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Canterbury

Nello Borges and Marcos Silva joined Canterbury Marickville in what most saw as the buy of the season. Nello Borges immediately rewarded his new club with a goal in a pre-season friendly against Narrabeen, while Marcos Silva played well.

Paul Kirwan and John Radman have also joined the Canterbury attack while Eduardo Pena has settled at the back in place of departed Titilas (inter Monaro). Jimmy Basterfield, after a year's absence from football, is working very hard on his fitness.

Raul Blanco, Canterbury's new coach, has little time for some of the trivia which put this club among the also rans last year. Some of Canterbury's first-graders of last year have been in poor form and have shown less than the dedication required by Blanco. Two first-graders were told that if their attitude remains the same, then it is time to move on.

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not be able to score many goals but I doubt that anybody will score too many against Ku-Ring-Gai 1-0 either way could be described as the most likely scoreline in many a Ku-Ring-Gai match in '85.

Polonia

Polonia may not have been the best team in 1984 in the State League but on a few occasions played exceptional football to satisfy its small band of supporters. It was almost like Polish Polka with the ball travelling between Galas, Sobczyk, Nowak, Kowalczyk and Ovcarek.

However, the new season has dealt Polonia a severe blow!

All but one of its famous Polish contingent of players have vanished!

The only one who remained was Henjek Sobczyk.

To add insult to injury its goalkeeper and according to many the best keeper in NSW, Ian Barker, went to Manly. Fullbacks, Pratt and Jordan departed. Jordan went to Avala as did Polonia's midfielder Divani, while its strong defender Galas went to Poland. Fogarty is still at Bankstown and that is the whole defence gone!

The midfield consisted of Nowak, Kowalczyk and Divani. Divani is gone while Nowak is contemplating a return. Kowalczyk is still in Poland. Up front Sobczyk is still the only one to remain, while the rest are gone.

Veselin Vojnovic, Polonia's new coach, has restored some dignity to this old NSW outfit by getting into the pre-season final against Avala against all odds.

With Marcon in goal/Polonia expects to have Lasek, Cieslik, Falz on and Vojnovic at the back; Dennis Colusso, Jovic and Sobczyk in midfield and Pradana, Mahamah and Pop up front.

Reserves are scarce at Polonia and much will depend on the return of its big stars from Poland. Promises of getting two new players from Poland have so far come to very little.

Narrabeen

Warringah Narrabeen, the side which escaped relegation last year looks in all sorts of better at present. One point and one goal to date from its pre-season effort is not much to boast about and its coach, Ljubo Gokovic, is well aware of his problems.

despite creation of a magnum ulcer during the pre-season competition Narrabeen's coach is optimistic about 1985. "We are not going to set League records but many players are very good indeed, and the longer the season goes the better we will get."

Apart from Peter Dean who looked shaky on a few occasions and a fairly strong backline in Michael White, Paul Jones, Mark Sweeney and Larry Berringer. Jack Morlando, Roberto Geraldini and Ricky Peel are in midfield while Maurizio Mon-techi, Steve Barker and Glen Fontana played up front.

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ment of the side with John Van heiden and Simon Hodgson up front.

Richie Yamine, back after a long absence will be on deck also, with Chris Hanley, David Jack, John McDonna and Robert Lowe the possibilities.

It is certainly not the best of sides but not the poorest either. It has an acute problem in the goalkeeping department and unless a solution is found soon Narrabeen will struggle.

Uruguayan Auburn

Raul Carrizo has retired. It's official from the new starter in the State League. Carrizo, the man who played with distinction amongst the best in Australia, and United States has called it a day after being invited by Uruguayan Auburn to take over the reins.

He had one outing with the side in the pre-season competition but was asked to concentrate on coaching.

It will be a difficult job indeed, coaching a side which is bound to struggle against the giants of the State League. Carrizo was asked to provide for the entertainment of the untapped South American community in Australia, by providing South American style football.

With Carlos Rosano, Foladoso, Fernandez brothers, Arabelo, Cuba, Benitez, Parma, Aerolo, the side has more than the required number of South American players.

The question is: Will this side show enough character and enthusiasm to fight for the results? Despite so much promise, it and it difficult to see that with the present contingent of South American players, Uruguayan Auburn can do more than fight to stave off relegation.

Patrick Ross from Yugal, Tony O'Shane from last year's side, Pagano, Planinic, Hastie and Krslovic make up the rest of the side.

Fairy Meadow

Ex Wollongong and Avala striker Glen Fontana is the main striking force at Fairy Meadow.

John Fleming, until recently with Wollongong City as a player, turned to coaching and was quick to sign the experienced Fontana.

Apart from Fontana, the locals boast Warwick Young, ex St. George keeper, and a fairly strong backline in Michael White, Paul Jones, Mark Sweeney and Larry Berringer. Jack Morlando, Roberto Geraldini and Ricky Peel are in midfield while Maurizio Mon-techi, Steve Barker and Glen Fontana played up front.

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Manly

The days of Manly Warringah as an outsider in the State League are long gone. Having played against this club in the late sixties and having followed its fortunes since, I would suggest very strongly that 1985 is the season of the Seasideers.

The addition of Willie Murray to Manly makes it a formidable side indeed. Tom Steven, known as the "General" will remain Manly's pivot. With so much experience at hand, Steven is certain to cause a lot of damage to most sides this year.

Bobby Pagano and Jimmy Campbell will partner Steven in midfield. The tenacity of Campbell and the dangerous runs of Pagano are certain to add to Manly's fire power.

Willie Murray will be used as the right flanker and Robbie Stuart on the left with Mark Holloway as central striker. Steve Leak and Dudley Fox will be the backup force. Leak could force his way into any side in the State League but at Manly he looks like being committed from the first 11.

At the back Manly will have an addition in Ian Barker. After such an outstanding season with Polonia last year, Barker moves to Manly with his eyes firmly fixed on the title. At present Barker looks the best goalkeeper in the State League.

Back four will be picked from Ashley Williamson, Wayne Pearce, John Dick, Stuart Dick and John Doyle with Gogic as another defender-cum-midfielder to be considered. A very strong side indeed!

Manly's recent acquisition of a major sponsor, with the backing from its social club adjacent to the ground, should add to the stability of this team. Its coaching team is as strong as you can find.

Richard Alagich, Leo Baumgartner and my old team-mate Joe Alagich are in charge at Manly. Richard looks after the seniors and Joe after the second grade side, while Leo Baumgartner is attempting to instill some wizardry of his own into Manly's goal goachers.

George Dick, the man who worked so hard for years to have Manly Warringah in the top league is closer than ever to his dream. On his side, if it wins the NSW State League will apply for the spot in the National League. Behind the bar at Manly's plush social club, Dick, who has two sons playing for Manly was not as optimistic as Tom Steven on the success of Manly in 1985.

"There are so many good teams in the League this year, five or six teams are on an even keel and you would have to get better than 50% results against those sides if you are to win the title," said George.

The teams from Brisbane and Adelaide preferably will be combined from Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City, and Adelaide Juventus and West Adelaide Hellas.

Take a look at these sides. You couldn't be confident about predicting results each week and I'm positive that with so many quality teams in the same league, the spectacle would be great. As things stand, let's face it, there are some poor sides in both the Southern and Northern Divisions.

I really hope that we can revert to a one-league format soon and I'm sure that thousands of fans around Australia are hoping for that too.

But it's all in the hands of the NSL bosses.

Lamond's star set to shine

You heard it first, folks. Manis Lamond will play for Australia one day.

Manis who, you ask? Well, he's from Papua New Guinea, he's young, he's got great close ball control, he's got electrifying speed, a great shot, and he plays up front for Canberra City Olympians.

Sure, every potential star needs luck on his side but provided the breaks go Lamond's way and he keeps working hard in his game, he's going to have a big, big future in Australian soccer.

He's the real danger in Canberra's forward line and the club lost Frank Farina to Sydney City Hakoah it left a big hole in attack but along came Lamond to plug the gap.

Tommy Sermanni, Marko Perinovic and Terry Byrne also are playing well and I'm not that surprised to see Canberra going strong in the Northern Division.

To be honest, I felt for Canberra last week when we knocked them out of the National Cup on penalties. It's a hell of a way to decide a game, isn't it?

Egan's after the record

Eight goals in four games - that was Charlie Egan's strike rate before last weekend's NSL matches and what a record it is. In fact, the little South Melbourne Hellas striker may shatter the NSL scoring record this year and create a goals tally that could stand for a long, long time.

What an elusive player he is, never still for a moment, always sniffing about the goalmouth, ever alert, and a deadly finisher. He's got it all when it comes to scoring goals.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA3 (Ilioski 16th, Smith 35th, 38th) **GREEN GULLY 1** (Lucchesi 83rd) at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 1,500. Ratings by Craig McKenzie:

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes 8 — McMillan 8, Dunn 7, Dobson 7 (Heys 82nd), Opasina 8 — Ilioski 8, Flavell 8, Lane 9 — Cole 8, Smith 9, Sprink 7, Coach: Billy Murray.

GREEN GULLY: Deris 6 — Murray 5 (inj), Young 68th, Cannell 5, McLelland 3 (McKenna H.T. 3), Williams 5 — Smart 6, Vassallo 4, Smallman 5, Lloyd 4 — Lewis 4 (inj), Lucchesi 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

ADELAIDE CROATIA 0 **SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1** (Latif 93rd) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: about 1000. Ratings by Allan Crisp:

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Kasser 8 — Taylor 8, Bennett 8, Richardson 8, Campbell — Faulkner 7 (Isak 108th), Bain 6 (sent off), Mitten 8, Glider 8, McLaren 8, Latif (sent off). Coach: John Gardiner.

ADELAIDE CROATIA: Siklich 9 — Hutchins 8, Paleka 6 (sent off), Maric 8, Bridges 8 — Almiria 7 (T. Blute 82nd), Kay 7 (Klein 102nd), Reich 8 (sent off) — P. Blute 7, Marwe 7, Slager 7. Coach: Jack Braidwood.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Theodorakopoulos) **CANBERRA 1** (Lamond), Sydney Olympic won 5-2 on penalties. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: London 7 — Johnston 6, Lambropoulos 6, Theodorakopoulos 8, Jennings 8 — Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 7, Svinos 7 — Ketholos 7, Koussas 6 (Polias 70th), Kalantzis 8. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS: Franken 8 — Ontong 7, Harkins 7, Bryant 7, Jones 7 — Mihalidis 8 (Farrell 70th), Byrne 7, Sermanni 7 — Lamond 7, Perinovic 5 (Burke 65th), Gibson 6. Coach: Roy Thompson.

Man of
the match:
STEVE SMITH
(Makedonia)

Makedonia 3 Green Gully 1

Scorers: Ilioski 16th, Smith 35th, 38th (M); Lucchesi 83rd (GG).

Venue: Olympic Park.

Crowd: about 1,000.

Caution: Vassallo (GG).

Referee: Jim Fearn 6.

This arguably was the most inept defensive display by Green Gully in the last 10 years. It also was the clearest sign to date that Preston Makedonia will challenge for the championship this year and has one of the most exciting first year strikers ever to hit the NSL scene in Steve Smith.

And Makedonia coach Billy Murray has one of the best attacking midfielders in the game in Sean Lane, who lacks as much in confidence as he does in ability.

Green Gully was hopelessly outplayed in midfield and its defence was in tatters in the first half.

Yet Paul Lewis should have scored after David Smallman took a free kick short to Claude Lucchesi, got the return, then crossed to the far post where Steve McLelland headed down to Lewis who blasted his shot wildly from six metres.

At the other end of the pitch Smith won the ball and slipped it wide to Spink whose low shot went fractionally wide.

Makedonia scored when Spink shrugged off a challenge and played the ball to Smith whose superb pass set up the incoming Zoran Ilioski on the right of the Gully area. And what a tremendous finish we saw as a superb move, as Ilioski's fiercely struck shot sent the ball flashing past Denys.

Within a minute, Smallman had headed the ball into the Makedonia net but the goal was disallowed as Lewis had bodychecked Traianedes.

Makedonia went further ahead in the 35th minute thanks to a great piece of thinking and vision from young Traianedes. He saw that Gully's defenders had pushed too far forward and were square, so he sent a raking drop-kick over their heads for Smith to break clear and make it 2-0.

Three minutes later, Makedonia was cruising on top of a three goal lead. Smith was the scorer again, left unmarked dead in front.

McLelland came off at half time and Andy McKenna came on. Willie Vassallo moved

Four sent off in Adelaide; Smith sparkles

back to sweeper, Jim Williams pushed forward on the left.

Lane struck a great shot on the turn in the 50th minute and Denys did well to touch it out for a corner but Gully's problems escalated when Jim Murray had to come off injured in the 68th minute. On came Andy Young but two minutes later, Lewis strolled off with a hamstring injury, leaving the side with 10 men as it already had made two substitutions.

Makedonia had the game well won when Vassallo tripped George McMillan inside the Gully area and referee Fearn pointed to the penalty spot. Denys parried Lane's attempt and Smith struck in the rebound, but Fearn awarded a free kick to Gully, ruling that Smith had encroached.

Section 4C of Law 14 states: "If (a colleague of the person taking the kick encroaches into the penalty area) and the ball rebounds into play from the goalkeeper, the cross-bar or a goal-post, the referee shall stop the game, caution the player and award an indirect free-kick to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred."

Gully's hardest working player, Lucchesi, gained reward for his efforts in the 83rd minute when he struck the ball over Traianedes and into the far corner to make it 3-1 but by then, Gully players had accepted their fate.

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MACKENZIE

Man of
the match:
DON McLAREN
(S. Geo Cross)

S. Geo Cross 1 Croatia 0

Scorers: Latif 93rd

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium

Crowd: About 1000

Sent off: Paleka (AC),

Reich (AC), Bain (GC), Latif (GC).

Caution: Bridges (AC), P.

Blute (AC), Campbell (GC),

Taylor (GC), Bain (GC).

Referee: Donald Campbell

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— ALLAN CRISP

Man of
the match:
TONY FRANKEN
(Canberra)

Syd. Olympic 1 Canberra 1

Olymp. on pens

Scorers: Theodorakopoulos

(SO), Lamond (Can).

• St Albans Dinamo under eleven started off as under nine league champions two years ago, then went on to being the under ten league champions. But their latest victory pleases coach Nick Beronic the most.

The boys have won the under eleven Western Region cup without losing a single match in the carnival, scoring ten goals to nil.

Pictured from left, back row: L. Hoinik, J. Krajina, C. Muscat, R. Bulic, S. Rados, D. Movric, I. Jolic, I. Jaksic. Front: I. Beronic, T. Pondeljak, G. Vivic, K. Razov, Z. Vukovic, F. Gorota. Missing: A. Markus.



George Cross striker Ossie Latif spoons a close-range shot over the crossbar, to the relief of Adelaide Croatia goalkeeper Damien Siklich.

Penalty scorers, SO: Phillips, Johnston, Theodorakopoulos, Polias, Ketholos; Can: Bryant, Farrell.

Referee: Richard Lorenz 8.

Manis Lamond, who had played with such flair throughout the game, unfortunately missed penalty No. 3 for Canberra in the

showdown, resulting in Sydney Olympic's victory.

Beforehand, Lamond had enough chances to win it for Canberra.

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"People have speculated about me playing for Australia, but four or five games in the senior team doesn't qualify me for anything. First, I'll have to be consistent over a long period."

But the one thing that Traianedes has is that touch of brilliance you rarely see in goalkeepers.

Witness the National Cup quarter-final against Green Gully last Wednesday. Traianedes had the ball in the 36th minute, preparing to kick it in. He spotted striker Steve Smith standing in attack, with only Jim Murray near him. And so he went for it, a mighty kick

over the half line, straight to Smith who slid down and rammed home Makedonia's second goal. Traianedes got all the praise for that one.

How does Wilson feel about having been ousted by the young upstart? Any hint of jealousy or resentment? "I haven't sensed anything like that at all," Traianedes says. "Our training has been the same as ever. He's reacting

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like the thorough professional, taking the attitude that it's now up to him to displace me."

And how does coach Bill Murray regard his young star? "He's been getting tremendous press lately and he's certainly a great talent. We must, however, make sure he keeps his feet on the ground," Murray says.

Success is not something with which Traianedes is well acquainted.

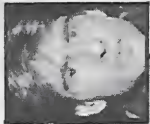
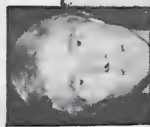
He has won absolutely nothing in soccer! No

championships or Cups or best player awards with Waverley or at Burwood High — quite unlike the average young star who has a wardrobe full of trophies by the time he's 13. The law of averages says Traianedes is due for a change of luck. If so, Makedonia will win the NSL championship. Or the National Cup.

It has, according to Traianedes, the coach to inspire success. "He's a coach in the literal sense of the word," says the young goalkeeper, who works as a stock controller, having completed sixth form last year.

Club closeup

Thomastown

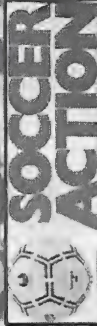


Back row: Joe Wilson (coach), Joe Alizzi, Nick Constantinou, Fred Belter, Tony Cosentino, Kevin Carfora, Frank Fragale, Danny Aceski, Paul Temos.

Front row: Brian Flaherty, Frank Dalas, Brendan Latic, Mauro Raponi, Marino Franceschi, Vince Tavoraro, Paul DiBerardino.

Missing: Andy Smale.

Insets: Brian Coyle (top left), Victor Salvatore (bottom left), Nino DiMartino (top right), Maurizio Comar (bottom right).



Thomastown was formed late in 1971 by a small group of followers of the famous Italian club, AC Milan, and its rise through the ranks is one of the most astonishing in the history of Victorian soccer. Stability always has been the keynote at Thomastown and the club only has had three presidents: Carlo Valmorizide (1971-74), Nick Iacobucci (1975-83, 1985-9) and Martino Comaro (1984). In 1974, the Red Devils won their first trophy, the Provisional League, under coach Leo Divalentino. The following year, still in the now defunct Division Three, they repeated the feat, this time going through the season undefeated. Johnny Pressan was coach. Thomastown was admitted to the Provisional League in 1977 and finished third, in searching for a new coach. The club decided to sign young players who could give it years of service and ended just as successfully when it won the title by a seven-point margin. Winning the Provisional Cup in 1980 began a blaze of glory with Thomastown winning the Provisional Division One, The Provisional League Reserves Cup was added to its trophy haul this season. But perhaps the biggest prize of all was the Coppa Italia and it was the mighty Juventus which fell 3-1 in the final that year. Peter Balassone was the coach which led the club to its most successful season ever. In 1981, Thomastown won the Provisional First Division championship and the VSF re-organised its leagues, promoting Thomastown into Metro Division Three. Balassone still was in charge and despite the stiffer

opposition, he led his side to the championship. But 1983 was a poor year for the club. The team, coached by Jim Kriaris, finished equal fifth. But again the VSF re-organised its leagues and again the federation smiled favourably on Thomastown, promoting it to Division One. Joe Wilson, the current coach, was appointed to the Metro Division and seven new players were signed. They were: Brendan Latic (from Poland), Brian Coyle (from Melbourne), Bobby Adam (from Moreland), George Watterson (from Werribee), Brian 1983. The team missed out on the Championship on this year have been Andy Smale (from Kew Park Rangers), Fred Baller (from Altona Gate), Victor Salmore (from Bulleen) and young stopper Franco Villella, who only recently arrived in Australia from Italy and from all reports we'll hear a lot more of him before the season's end. The only losses from last year's side have been George Watterson (to Bell Park) and Bob Adam. Team manager Marcelo D'Amico is in his seventh year with Thomastown and in that time the team hasn't been in the same league two years running! Thomastown is out to consolidate its State League status this year, a goal well within its reach.

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Fawkner faces tough task

Fawkner, without suspended Colin Quigley and Bruno Cozzella, faces a tough task at Ralph Reserve on Sunday against Western Suburbs.

Suburbs striker Bobby McGuinness scored twice against Albion last weekend and is the danger man as far as Fawkner is concerned. Ian Loughnan finally signed for Fawkner last night (Tuesday) and will be rushed straight into the side for Sunday's big game. But Reno Lia, who had to come off injured after only five minutes of last weekend's clash with St Albans Dinamo, is doubtful. Dinamo, flushed with success after downing Fawkner, takes on Polonia at Churchill Reserve on Saturday. Fate has yet to smile kindly on Polonia this season as Janusz Przybyla, Dave Gib-

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

son, Leszek Gregorczuk and Joe Vonja all have injury problems while Dinamo striker Dennis Morovic is right among the goals and midfielder Branko Culina is in sparkling form. Frankston Pines, despite the loss of suspended defender Peter Thurlow, should beat Northcote at Monterey Reserve on Saturday. Northcote stopper John Creany finally will return from Scotland on Friday week. The eastern suburbs derby at Jubilee Park on Sunday between Ringwood Wilhelmnia and Croydon should go Croydon's way but Wilhelmnia showed encouraging signs against Polonia last weekend and provided Kees Storm is fit

the reserves. Di Martino, also back from suspension, was on the bench for Thomastown's clash with Northcote and after coming on in the second half, gave the side a lift so coach Joe Wilson is likely to have him in his starting line-up against Falcons.

Knox City already looks likely to struggle this season and we'll see what Albion's made of when it travels to Egan Lee Reserve on Sunday. Here are this weekend's games, with likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY FRANKSTON PINES v Northcote at Monterey Reserve, 3 pm.

WARSAWSKI WINS IT

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Polonia 3 Wilhelmnia 2. Scores: Innes penalty 3rd, P. Czapiak 54th, Warszawski 87th (P); Nyholt 45th, Shannon 60th (W). Venue: Raleigh Reserve. A superb solo effort by Polonia striker Greg Warszawski in the 87th minute split the deadlock and gave Polonia a rather fortunate 3-2 victory. Warszawski knocked the ball over the head of a defender then burst clear, drawing out Wilhelmnia goalie Stuart Lee, then striking the ball low and firm into the far corner. Lack of cover at the back had cost Wilhelmnia a point. So did Kees Storm's inability to direct his header in the 88th minute. Nick van Egmond's

Three minutes had one when Warszawski, easily one of the fastest and sharpest strikers in the league, burst clear. Lee confronted him but Warszawski knocked the ball past Lee and as soon as the Wilhelmnia keeper's hand touched Warszawski's foot the Polonia striker threw himself forward in spectacular fashion. Kevin Innes converted the resultant penalty.

Wilhelmnia enjoyed a good spell in the last 10 minutes of the first half and deservedly equalised right on half time when Peter Czapiak lost possession to Nyholt who held off challenges from Czapiak and Mirek Smolarek then slid down and wrongfooted Leszek Dzielakowski with a sharply angled shot that went off the far post. Peter Czapiak, suspiciously close to offside, gave Polonia the lead in the 54th minute when a poorly struck shot by Mirek Wiecek went straight to the Polonia midfielder, who shot in off the far post from eight metres. Nyholt went just wide with a shot from 10 metres two minutes later and in the 60th minute a superb move earned Wilhelmnia its second goal. Storm struck a superbly directed and weighted pass to Kenny Stewart on the left wing. Stewart crossed to the near post where the incoming

Brawl at Fawkner

The reserves match between Fawkner and St. Albans Dinamo at Smith Reserve last Sunday was called off by the referee after an all-in brawl erupted involving players from both sides and spectators.

Trouble flared after a free kick was awarded and players squared up to each other. A spectator jumped the fence and got involved then the donnybrook developed. Club officials also were involved.

There was drama in the first team game too and Fawkner's Colin Quigley and Bruno Cozzella both were sent off as Dinamo staged one of the biggest upsets of the season so far, running out a 3-2 victor.

Des Shannon controlled well then smacked the ball past Dzielakowski and into the far corner to make it 2-2.

Polonia coach Eddie Reid ended Mirek Wiecek's nightmare by replacing him with John Grabassi in the 70th minute, but no improvement ensued.

Warszawski put Auld through in the 88th minute but Auld shot wide, then it was Wilhelmnia's chance to snatch the points but Stewart, surprisingly given a lot of room, headed wide. Two minutes later, Warszawski won it.

Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORWELL FALCONS	3	0	8	3	6	
CROYDON	2	1	7	2	6	
FAWKNER	2	0	19	3	4	
BOX HILL	2	0	18	4	4	
Western Suburbs	2	0	16	4	4	
St Albans Dinamo	2	0	16	5	4	
Polonia	1	2	0	5	4	
Thomastown	1	1	15	6	3	
Frankston Pines	0	2	14	6	2	
Albion Rovers	1	0	23	5	2	
Northcote	0	2	12	4	2	
Knox City	1	0	24	9	2	
Springvale	0	0	33	7	0	
R'wood Wilhelmnia	0	0	32	10	0	

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Stirton 37th, Athersych 67th) SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Nelson 60th) at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 7 - O'Callaghan 7, Burns 6, Tutill 6, Train 6 - T. van Baar 6, Moore 5 (in), Palermo 50th, 6, MacLean 9, Cassar 6 - Athersych 7, Stirton 7. Coach, Jimmy Dunne. SPRINGVALE CITY: Clayton 8 - G. Bannon (sent off 30th), Luyten 8, Adams 9, Fitzpatrick 8 - D. Luce 8, K. Humble 8 - D. Amico 8, Nelson 8, Greener 8, Campbell 8. Coach, Ian Greener. Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 MacLean (MF), 2 Adams (Spring), 1 D. Amico (Spring).

ALBION ROVERS 1 (T. Luf 55th) WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Bouzas 53rd, McGuinness 65th, 75th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Cipri 6 - Douglas 6, Barba 5 (in), Galea 80th, Gilmore 5, Behich 4 - Porelli 6 (in), Bennett 47th, 6, Piccione 5, Reilly 5 - Robertson 5, T. Luf 5, Pateman 5. Coach Ray Langdale. WESTERN SUBURBS: Tachibana 8 - Huxford 7, Dimovski 8, Espolito 7, Lekkas 7, K. Coyle 7, Kakantonis 7, Beattie 7 - Bouzas 7, Stensson 7 (in), Maletis H.T. 7). McGuinness 9. Coach Jimmy Condilis. Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 McGuinness (WS), 2 Dimovski (WS), 1 Tachibana (WS).

POLONIA 3 (Innes penalty 3rd, P. Czapiak 54th, Warszawski 87th) RINGWOOD WILHELMNIA 2 (Nyholt 45th, Shannon 60th) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6 - Uptonis 7, Innes 7, Smolarek 7, Kolaric 5 - G. Czapiak 6 (in), Delacour 6th, P. Czapiak 7, Avian 5, Wiecek 3 (Tribassi 70th), 5. Coach 6. Warszawski 8. Coach Eddie Reid. RINGWOOD WILHELMNIA: Lee 7 - Cooke 7, Haupt 7, Meyer 6, Wamysa 6 - Nyholt 7, van Egmond 7, Shannon 7, Burton 7 - Murray 5 (Storm 50th), 7, Stewart 6. Coach, Cor Teeuw. Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Warszawski (Pol), 2 Nyholt (RW), 1 Haupt (RW).

BOX HILL 5 (A. Humble 3, Azzopardi, White) KNOX CITY 2 (Pate, Wild) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Harrison 7 - Brooks 7, McMillan 8, Basic 7 (McPhee 75th), Roodhouse 7 (Lawler 70th) - Azzopardi 6, Taylor 6, Ramos 7, White 7 - Verechia 7. A. Humble 3. Coach Keith Begg. KNOX CITY: McTurk 7 - Stoffels 5 (Loy Sali 70th), Bissinger 7, Murray 6, Byrne 7 - Pilebam 5 (G. Bakker 50th), Tunstall 6, Pate 7, Wild 6 - Devonport 7, Howson 5. Coach Duncan Smith. Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 A. Humble (Box Hill), 2 McMillan (Box Hill), 1 Pate (Knox).

NORTHCOLE 2 (Toro 25th, Di Berardino 39th) THOMASTOWN 2 (Franceschi 32nd, Lalic 85th) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOLE: Giannopoulos 6 - Patinotis 9, Boksis 7, Cutler 7, Kouremenos 6 - Bekiaris 6, Wilson 7, Toro 6 - P. Constantinou 7, Patasikos 5, Filippis 5 (Dionisopoulos 75th). THOMASTOWN: Raponi 6 - DiBerardino 7, Cosentino 9, Carfara 6 (in), Fragale 62nd, N. Constantinou 5 - Franceschi 6, Dallas 6, Acsesi 7, Tavoraro 5 (D. Martino 51st, 7), Lalic 7, Flaherty 6. Coach John Wilson. Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Cosentino (Thomastown), 2 Patinotis (North), 1 Wilson (North).

FAWKNER 2 (Angelo 26th, Cozzella 36th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 3 (Morovic 10th, 23rd, Culina 30th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 5 - Lia (in), Petrucci 5th, 4, Fattore 7, Macleod 7, Hobson 7 - Quigley 4 (sent off 35th), Byla 7, Angelo 7 - Palinkas 7, Cozzella 7 (sent off 85th), Mancinelli 6. Coach Hugh Peterson. ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 6 - Bosic 7, Radman 6, Ramljak 6 (Bruno 50th, 6), S. Grigic 7 - Loricic 6 (Pavlovic 75th), Culina 8, Brkijacic 7, Rastocic Pozar 7, Morovic 6. Coach Joe Spoljar. Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Culina (Dinamo), 2 Morovic (Dinamo), 1 Palinkas (Faw).

CROYDON 2 (French 29th, Ollerton 65th) FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Webster 41st, Cooke 86th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Whiteside 7 - Brown 8, O'Reilly 8, Singleton 7, Tansley 8 - McDonald 6 (Ollerton H.T. 7), Kerr 6 (Beech H.T. 7), Taylor 7, Livingstone 9 - French 8, Brogan 6 (sent off 78th), Cooke 7, Peterson 7. FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 7 - Thurlow 8 (sent off 79th), Lawson 7 (McGinnigle 65th), Cullen 7, Ferris 7 - Cooke 8, Ross 8 (Rust 85th), Thomas 7 - Dick 8, Cumming 7, Webster 8. Coach, Danny McInnes. Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Livingstone (Croy), 2 Webster (Pines), 1 Dick (Pines).

SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

Schipano Home Furnishers are sponsoring our 1985 State League Player of the Year award. The winner receives \$1,000 worth of furniture of his choice. Leading votegetters: 6 - Livingstone (Croy), A. Humble (Box Hill), MacLean (Falcons), Culina (Dinamo), 4 - McMillan (Box Hill), Cozzella (Faw), Pate (Knox), Wilson (North), Morovic (Dinamo), 3 - Kerr (Croy), Harrison (Box Hill), Cipri (Albion), Boyle (Quigley), 2 - Athersych (Falcons), Dzielakowski, Warszawski (Pol), McGuinness (WS), Dick (Pines), Tavoraro, Cosentino (Thomastown).

VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International. Leading scorers: 6 - A. Humble (Box Hill), 3 - French (Croy), Cozzella 4 - Athersych (Falcons), Mo. (Faw).

Fast and fierce

By JOHN WALLACE

Croydon 2 F'ston Pines 2

Scores: French 29th, Ollerton 65th (Croy), Webster 41st, Cooke 86th (FP). Venue: Croydon Park.

Croydon Park had it all on Sunday - comedy, drama thrills and spills, and a match that ended on a teeth-clenching note.

Croydon and Frankston Pines had locked horns in the Buffalo League Cup final with Croydon coming out on top, but Pines coach Danny McInnes did his homework here so what the fans got was fast and fierce football with defenders clearing their lines time and again. Steve Lawson carried that tactic to the extreme, clearing from Graham French, but Lawson was facing his own goal at the time and Rick Janssen was forced to dive dramatically. Comedy came from the ref who stopped play on two occasions for running repairs to his shorts; drama was in the form of Dave Brogan and Peter Thurlow being sent off; and

Lowdown for Doves

DOVETON 1 (Cherrie 19th) NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Mullett 51st) Victorian Division One match at Waratah Reserve, Saturday.

DOVETON: Graham, Spink, Gadaby, Lowe (sent off 3rd), Walwyn, Kallier, Kellie, Sutherland, Nelson (Masters 77th), Buchanan, Cherrie.

NUNAWADING CITY: Madler, Brown, L. Deane, S. Deane (sent off 53), Burr, Mullett, Greenwood, Middlemass, Hankel, Pate, West (Chenier 60th).

Doveton dropped its first point and conceded its first goal of the season in a match in which both teams were reduced to 10 men through red cards.

SELECTIONS

VICTORIAN DIVISION ONE Saturday: Kaw Park Rangers v SUNBURT, Nunawading City v Doncaster (draw), Altona City v BROADMEADOWS, Caulfield City v MELBOURNE. Sunday: Morland v Wertheim (draw), Richmond v DOVETON, MORNINGTON v Nth Doncaster. DIVISION TWO Saturday: Dandenong City v STH OAKLEIGH, Waverley City v SM-Mordialloc (draw), Kallier v SANDRINGHAM, RINGWOOD v Uthmaniyah, Coburg v NTH GEELONG, ALTONA CITY v Royal Richmond, BELL PARK v Henty Rangers. DIVISION THREE Saturday: YALLOUP v Colic, Moorabbin v Geelong (draw), Moorabbin City v Karingal (draw), Heidelberg v Port Melbourne, Prahran v SPRINGVALE UTD (at Strathmore Park), PRAHRAN CITY v Bulleen, YARRAVILLE v Essendon City. DIVISION FOUR Saturday: Kaysborough v Laker Utd, GREENSBOROUGH v Ferntree Gully, Langmead v Buder (draw), ALDERV v Rossana, Brighton v Holland Park, East Brunswick v CLIFTON HILL, HILLYERS v BALLARAT. DIVISION FIVE Saturday: West Brunswick v CLAYTON, WILLIAMSTON v CENTRAL CITY, Hawthorn v MALVERN CITY, REGENT v Abbotford, PASCOE VALE v Chelsea, CLARINDA v Wertheim. DIVISION SIX Saturday: 5th Year v ALTONA

Plenty of spring

M. Falcons 2 Springvale 1

Scores: Stirton 37th, Athersych 67th (MF), Nelson 60th (Spring). Venue: North Crinigan Reserve.

Despite having right back Ged Bannon sent off in the 30th minute after clashing with Morwell striker Russell Athersych, Springvale put up its best display this season.

"This probably was the worst performance from Morwell since I've been coach," said Jimmy Dunne after the match. "But at the end of the day, it's the result that counts. But take no credit away from Springvale, for they fought very, very hard. "To be honest, if we didn't have Jimmy MacLean in the side, we'd be struggling right now. He's in great touch." Morwell could have opened its account in the 10th minute but Steve Moore's shot from close range was blocked as was Athersych's attempt from the rebound. Five minutes later, Spring-

vale goalkeeper Gary Clayton did well to push a shot by Athersych round the post. A goalmouth scramble in the 37th minute led to Morwell's first goal. Athersych gained possession and chipped the ball to the near post where Ian Stirton headed in.

But Springvale hit back in the 60th minute when Jim Nelson struck the ball past Peter Blasby, making his debut for Morwell, from close range for the equaliser.

Seven minutes later, Athersych got the winner. Tony van Baas played a short corner to Effie Cassar who floated the ball over. MacLean headed down and Athersych turned and struck the ball home from six metres.

Springvale worried Falcons from set-piece situations and big Springvale stopper John Luyten was threatening in the air. In the 75th minute, an Ian Greener free kick was headed in by Luyten but the goal was disallowed as the referee ruled that Nelson had infringed Blasby.

Four minutes from time, MacLean put Stirton through but the big Falcons striker shot wide from a one-on-one with Clayton.

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O Dinamo Zagreb	O Velez Mostar	O Zeljeznicar Sarajevo
Hajduk	13	5 26 18 31
Zeljeznicar	11	8 42 26 30
Rad Sliv	10	5 35 27 26
Vardar	10	5 48 28 25
Dinamo Zagreb	9	9 47 38 25
Partizan	8	7 77 35 25
	8	7 77 28 25

SPAIN

Real Valladolid	0	Spartan 0, Sevilla 2
Barcelona 2	Athletic Bilbao 4	Hercules 1
Racing 1	Valencia 1	Real Madrid 0
Athletic Madrid	1	Real Sociedad 3
Murcia 0	Elshe 1	Real Sociedad 1
Español 0	Real Betis 1	Ossasuna 1
Malaga 0		
Barcelona	21	8 2 69 25 51
Athletic Madrid	16	11 51 26 43
Sporting	12	5 6 37 28 38
Athletic Bilbao	12	14 6 37 28 38
Real Madrid	13	10 48 31 38
Real Sociedad	10	12 10 38 32 32
Ossasuna	12	8 12 26 35 32
Español	10	12 10 38 32 32

Results of fourth round, second leg matches in the Spanish Cup (First leg results in brackets): Real Madrid 0-1 Athletic Sociedad 0 (0-1), Athletic Madrid 5-2 Deportivo Coruña 2 (1-1), Real Mallorca 2 Real Betis 1 (0-4), Cadix 0 Real Zaragoza 1 (2-1), Real Zaragoza won on penalties after extra time Athletic Bilbao 2 Athletic Bilbao 0 (0-1) after extra time, Tenerife 2 Castellón 2 (0-2), Valencia 1 Sporting 1 (0-0), Sporting won on penalties after extra time, Hercules 1 Barcelona 0 (0-5).

HUNGARY

Bekescsas 0	Videoton 0	Vasa Budapest 2
Ujpest Doros 2	Honvéd Budapest 3	Ferencváros 0
Zalaegerszeg 0	Csepel 0	Tatabánya 1
Szeged 4	Sombathely 2	Pécs 0
Raba Eto Győr 5	Gyut 0	MTK VM 1
Dicsigyor 0		
Honvéd Budapest	14	4 34 12 32
Videoton	12	5 4 33 18 28
Raba Eto Győr	11	4 37 34 28
Sombathely	9	5 26 23 17 23
Zalaegerszeg	8	7 28 22 22

POLAND

Glasz Wrocław	0	Ligia Warszawa 1
Baltyk Gdynia 2	Motor Lublin 0	LKS Lodz 0
Gdańsk 0	Zagłębie Sosnowiec 0	Widzew Łódź 2
Pogon Szczecin 0	Lachie Gdansk 0	Lech Poznan 2
Rakowak 0	Ruch Chorzow 1	Wisla Krakow 0
Gornik Walibzych 0	Warsaw Katowice 0	

Ligia Warszawa	10	8 24 28 14 28
Lech Poznan	10	8 23 27 12
Gornik Zabrze	11	5 23 28 8 21
Widzew Łódź	9	7 4 22 11 21
Jagi Sosnowiec	7	7 28 25 22 21

HOLLAND

Sparta Rotterdam 1	MVV Maastricht 0	
Excelsior Rotterdam 1	Twente Enschede 2	
Ajax Amsterdam 2	Pac Zwolle 1	
ACB Alphen 1	Haarlem 1	
Fortuna Sittard 2	PSV Eindhoven 1	
Dun Breda 0	Volendam 0	
Go Eagles Drenther 3	Roda JC Karlsruhe 1	
Utrecht 2	Nac Breda 0	
Groningen 1	Feyenoord 1	
Ajax	10	31 70 25 41
Eindhoven	14	9 81 22 37
Feyenoord	15	5 87 37 38
Groningen	17	5 7 38 23 28
Sparta Rotterdam	10	6 7 34 41 20

Cup quarter-final replay: PSV Eindhoven 0 MVV Maastricht 3, Semi-finals on May 7: Wageningen vs Groningen Sports Utrecht v PSV Eindhoven.

AUSTRIA

Austria Klagenfurt 1	Wiener Sportclub 0	
Austria Salzburg 0	FC Admira 0	
Sturm Graz 0	FAK Linz SC Eisenstadt 0	
Stark 0	Spittal 0	
Rapid Vienna 1	SWW Innsbruck 1	
Vienna 1	Admira Vienna 1	
Voest Linz 0	Austria Vienna 1	
Austria Vienna	17	31 57 13 37
Rapid Vienna	12	5 68 19
Sturm Graz	13	5 36 24 28
Laak	13	5 36 24 28
Admira Wacker	8	5 36 30 24
SWW Innsbruck	8	5 38 32 24

FRANCE

Tours 3	Auxerre 1	Toulon 3
Strasbourg 1	Bastia 1	Nizza 1
Brest 0	Rouen 2	Paris SG 1
Sochaux 1	Lille 0	Laval 0
Toulouse 2	Marseille 0	Orleans 0
Nantes 1	Racing Paris 1	Nancy 1
Moneco 1		

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen	24	4 79 24 48
Celtic	20	8 70 27 52
Dundee United	18	8 62 30 32
Rangers	17	9 59 33 33
St Mirren	14	4 44 51 32
Hearts	13	5 44 50 31
Inverness	11	5 48 28 28
Hibernian	8	9 18 34 55
Dumbarton	6	7 18 28 53 18
Morton	5	12 28 27 49 11

FORZA JUVE!

LEGHE MINORI

Giornata nera per le squadre italiane nei campionati minori. In State League ha vinto solo il Morwell; i Thomastown ha pareggiato con un mediocre Northcote mentre il Fawkner si è fatto battere in casa dal St. Albans. Nella Metropolitan League hanno perso tutte: Werribee, Triestina, Bullen e East Brunswick, nella Provisional League le cose sono andate molto meglio con il pareggio dell'Ivanhoe City e le vittorie del Batman Lazio, Carrum



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 6 — 13-14 APRIL

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FOOTSCRAY JUST vs BRISBANE CITY

AT SCHINTLER RESERVE 3pm
SUNDAY 14th



Jim Kondarios

YOUTH GAME:
FOOTSCRAY vs
CROYDON CITY
at 12.45pm



Dennis Boland

MELBOURNE CROATIA vs WEST ADELAIDE

AT OLYMPIC PARK No. 1 3pm
SUNDAY 14th



Steve Gojevic

YOUTH GAME:
CROATIA vs
FRANKSTON PINES
at 12.45pm



Drago Deankovic

HEIDELBERG UNITED vs GREEN GULLY

AT OLYMPIC VILLAGE 3pm
SUNDAY 14th



Joe Angelo

YOUTH GAME:
ALEXANDER vs
GREEN GULLY
at 12.45pm



Willie Vassallo

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS vs PRESTON

AT CHAPLIN RESERVE 3pm
SUNDAY 14th



Gerry Bennett

YOUTH GAME:
SUNSHINE
GEORGE CROSS
vs PRESTON
at 12.45pm



Robbie Dunn

ADELAIDE CITY vs STH MELB HELLAS

AT OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD 2.30pm
SUNDAY 14th



Angie Postecoglou

YOUTH GAME:
FAWKNER vs
ST MELB HELLAS
*at venue to
be announced*



Carl Halford

BRISBANE LIONS vs BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

AT RICHLANDS 3pm
SUNDAY 14th



Andrew Zinni

YOUTH GAME:
NUNAWADING CITY
vs JUVENTUS
at 12.45pm
*At venue to
be announced*



Fabio Incantalupo

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA vs INTER MONARO

At KING TOMISLAV PARK 3p.m. SUNDAY 14th

SYDNEY CITY vs PENRITH CITY

At SYDNEY ATHLETIC FIELD 3p.m. SUNDAY 14th

WOLLONGONG CITY vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC

At WOLLONGONG SHOWGROUNDS 3p.m. SUNDAY 14th

LEIGHARDT vs MARCONI

At LAMBERT PARK 3p.m. SUNDAY 14th

BLACKTOWN CITY vs NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD

At GABBIE STADIUM 3p.m. SUNDAY 14th

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS vs ST GEORGE

At NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE 3p.m. SUNDAY 14th